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## 1880. Bergmann, S. (D-80-001)

This folder contains correspondence and other documents relating to the business of Sigmund Bergmann, a manufacturer of electrical equipment in New York City, who earlier had worked with Edison in Newark, New Jersey. In 1881 Bergmann formed a partnership with Edison and Edward H. Johnson under the name of Bergmann & Company.

Approximately 30 percent of the documents have been filmed. The following categories of documents have not been filmed: routine correspondence regarding orders for, and shipments of, telephones; lists of telephones by serial number; receipts concerning telephone orders for Europe; bills.

S. BERGMANN,
No. 100 WOOSTER STREET,
MANUFACTURER OF
Hotel and House Annunciators and Electrical Apparatus of all kinds.
Edison's Inventions—Phonographs, Telephones, Motographs, &c., &c.
NEW AND IMPROVED PRUD'HOMME BATTERIES A SPECIALTY.

New York, April 1, 1880

My dear Edison :-

Am a little pinched for money just now. If you can let me have $1000.00 by next Monday you will bridge me over - Please answer if you can do so

Yours truly
S. Bergmann

Cant do it

S. BERGMANN,
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Edison's Inventions—Phonographs, Telephones, Motographs, &c., &c.
NEW AND IMPROVED PRUD'HOMME BATTERIES A SPECIALTY.

New York April 21, 1880

Wm Carman Esq.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Eldredge was here and wanted to know if we had an order for 100 Telephones and 4 Switch Boards; at the same time he said they should be ready by Saturday as they were sending stuff by the same steamer.

I asked him what they were sending and he said Leclanche Batteries Matron Batteries &c, &c. If this can be stopped do so as I especially can beat them on the Batteries. See to it without delay and oblige

Yours truly
S. Bergmann
N.Y.

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NEW AND IMPROVED PRUD'HOMME BATTERIES A SPECIALTY.

New York, May 6 1880

Prof. T. A. Edison

Menlo Park N.J.

My dear Sir:

Can I have a little money from you by Saturday as I fear I will be "stuck" to pay ff.?

Had a letter from Mr Hubbards. He says the Telephones work well and that he will need 600 in Valparaiso & Santiago. Now as I will finish the London contract in a few days, could it be arranged so I can go along with Telephone for Mr Hubbards? I have my men right at the work and would like to keep them at it. Please let me know about this and oblige

Yours truly

S. Bergmann

New York, May 26 1880

Wm Carman Esq
Dear Sir:

Mr. Husbands ordered the extra Parts himself – Mr Eldred sent the order for 50 mouthpieces and 50 Bells. The Bells I will send by next Steamer and bill them to you.

Will you please let Mr Edison know I am very hard pressed for money and he would oblige me very much by letting me have $1000.00 by Saturday. Please show this to Mr Edison as I am in a hole.

Yours truly
S. Bergmann

P.S.

I send you two bills. Please have them approved without delay and return, as I want to ship Saturday. Please send me 50 more Carbons – the last lot were broken.

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NEW AND IMPROVED PRUD'HOMME BATTERIES A SPECIALTY.

New York, May 27 1880

Wm Carnaiey
Esq.

Sendinge Bill of goods sent Mr. Hebands as per order from Mr Edison

Will you please return the Bill approved that I sent you a few days ago as I want to send them with goods on Steamer.

I relied on having some money from you today. What is the matter that I must suffer this way?

Will you please call Mr Kennes' attention to a bill due Graham & Co, New Haven; they are after me for your debt.

Yours truly
S. Bergmann

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NEW AND IMPROVED PRUD'HOMME BATTERIES A SPECIALTY.

New York, June 8. 1880

Prof. T. A. Edison

Dear Sir :-

My Creditors are after me for money, and I am compelled to call on you to help me out.

If you could let me have $1000.00 it would fix me nicely. Even $500.00 would enable me to satisfy a few of the most noisy ones. I trust it will be in your power to come to my relief just now -- Have you heard anything from Mr Johnson about the 1000 Receivers with clock work he was to order? I need work just now, and would be glad to go at them

Yours truly
S. Bergmann
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NEW AND IMPROVED PRUD'HOMME BATTERIES A SPECIALTY.

New York, June 5 1885

Wm Forman Esq

Dear Sir: File

I am waiting for Carbons. I need about 50. I also want palladium for 165 jet. Jos Kirby I sent 60 to S. America and 24 Extra Receivers. Please see that I get both soon as possible

Yours truly

S. Bergmann

P.S.

See Mr E. if he can't let me have some money. I am in a fix

S.B.

Prof. T. A. Edison

N.Y. June 21/80

Dear Sir:

I can make Universals with Pony Cross & Tel. cords all complete, in small orders for $12 each. By the 1000 I can make them one dollar less.

I can turn them out at once. I would just like an order for 1000 now as I am about through with the London work.

Yours, dearly
Anything
G. Bergmann
Supt.

(June 1880)

Bergman:

~~WE Mfg~~

WE Mfg Co are afraid to make telephones on foreign orders; I ~~must~~ have a Cash Customer for 130 Universal Sets with ~~pony Drawn polarized~~ gong lowest price delivered free on board. payment Cash on delivery. May be we can get your order for 1000 sets

T.A.E.

New York, July 7 1880

Wm Carman Esq

Dear Sir

I have no parts for motographs as the 100 I have ready for England cleans me out. You know it would take time to get the parts together besides costing much more. I am sorry I haven't any.

What about the Minerals? Was anything done?

Some day soon I write for money can you see Mr Edison and tell him how I stand. If I could get even $500 it would help me to meet my next pay-roll

Yours truly
S. Bergmann

New York, Aug 3, 1880

Chas Batchelor Esq
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir:

I have two large Phonographs on hand, and I think the pitch of screw is about the same in each.

Awaiting your instructions I am

Yours truly
S. Bergmann

~~Send them here~~ ~~but~~ if they are not the same pitch they will not do as they must repeat. Can you not put the stop on for the tinfoil so as to make ~~the pulley on the foil again~~ easy to put on the foil again — When all right ship here and send about 35 lb. Good foil with ~~them~~ each

Aug 5. 1880
10 am

Mr.
Edison

How will Siemens
Polarized relay do for
Bell on magnets answer

S Bergmann

Upset
mch

I suppose it will
work if you make it
and try it

~~Collect~~
D-H

New York, Sept. 9. 1880

$2269.58

On demand please pay to the order of E. H. Johnson the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred & Sixty-nine 58/100 Dollars, and charge same to my account.

To
Thos A. Edison
Menlo Park
N.J.

Thos A. Edison
accep.

S. Bergmann

1- Ms Memo Nov 6/80

J Bergmann
106 Worcester St
New York

Come out Night Evening

Edison

HDK.

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(2) New York 6 (Nov. 4) '80.

Edison Menlo Park
will be out tomorrow
morning J. Bergmann

J Pain mg
E 6 PM

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This message is an UNREPEATED MESSAGE and is delivered by request of the sender, under the conditions named above.

A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

No.

Dated Newyork Dec 11 1880

Received at

To Prof Edison

Machine shipped today will be out

Bergmann

6 Paid Wu E 4 30 pm

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

1 Newyork 18(80)

Edison N P

My bank account was drawn and five hundred dollars

Bergmann

9 Paid Wo E 9 23 am

Received from T A Edison Esq. Thousand
on a Telephone shipped to
Europe on an Edison Telephone

S. Bergmann

## 1880. Deafness (D-80-002)

Following the appearance in early 1878 of articles about the phonograph, which drew attention to his own deafness, Edison began receiving inquiries about his proposed invention of a hearing aid. (See Thomas A. Edison Papers Microfilm Edition, Part I, 15:3-166.) This folder contains correspondence inquiring about the current state of the invention.

Approximately 10 percent of the documents have been filmed. These items received significant replies or were written by individuals associated with Edison.

# FRANK D. HATFIELD,

REPRESENTING

## COLGATE & COMPANY,

## PERFUMERS AND SOAP MANUFACTURERS,

NEW YORK.

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ANSWER TO _____ DATED, Troy, N.Y. April 17th 1880

Go to a Drug store you can find all sizes

Mr. T. Edison Esq
Menlo Park, N.J.
Dear Sir:

Your kind reply to my enquiry of 7th inst. duly rec'd and you have my sincere thanks for yr courtesy.

Permit me to trouble you just once more. I can find no rubber nipple such as you suggest to buy, i.e. one closed at bottom and suitable to stick in the Ear. It is a common belief (in which I share) that the contents of yr laboratory embrace everything. Hope I shall not trespass too far on yr. time or good nature in asking if you could not kindly mail me a nipple such as you believe would shut out sound from the Ear, etc. Assume that you could either lay yr hand on or make one in a moment's time and you may assume that I will gladly pay for yr trouble.

Of course, it must have occurred to you that to go in and stay in the Ear a nipple would have to conform to peculiar shape of the Ear aperture and for a nipple to intercept to project out of all beyond external Ear surface would preclude the lying of one head comfortably upon a pillow; the Ear being so super-sensitive to pressure internally.

Yr respectfully Yours F. D. Hatfield

London Dec 9. 80
R. S. Moulles
No ans

No answer E. C.

75 Lombard St.
London
Dec 9th 1880

Thomas A. Edison Esq.
Dear Sir.

I wish to thank you for many letters I have received from persons to whom you have recommended the Andiphone.

As I understand you are slightly afflicted with deafness, I have advised our House in Chicago to send you an Instrument which I hope may be of service to you. I should

be greatly obliged if you will write a letter recommending the Andiphone which you could allow me to make public in the Pamphlets now issuing on the subject. I should esteem it a favour if you would also send a duplicate letter to my Home in Chicago. I am now in London for the purpose of introducing the Andiphone in this Country, and so far have met with very gratifying results.

I remain dear Sir,
Yours very truly.
Richard S. Rhodes

P. S.
If there is any thing in which I can be of service to you during my stay in this Country it will give me pleasure.

CABLE ADDRESS,
"AUDIPHONE,"
CHICAGO.

GENERAL OFFICE,
—OF—
RHODES' AUDIPHONE.

Chicago, Dec 1880

Thomas A Edison Esq.
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir,

We ship you this evg. per mail an Audiphone with the compliments of the inventor Rd. Rhodes, who is at present in Europe. Mr. R. says he has written to you from London. He promised that the Audiphone would be shipped to you in due time from Chicago.

We trust the instrument will reach you safely.

Wishing you the compliments of the season we are.

Very Respectfully Yours

Rhoda & McClure

Write & thank him for the same.

**1880. Drexel, Morgan & Company (D-80-003) [not filmed]**

This folder contains correspondence about routine financial transactions undertaken by Drexel, Morgan & Company for Edison or his companies. Material relating to Drexel, Morgan & Company's role as a financier of Edison's electric light and telephone ventures can be found in folders on those subjects.

## 1880. Edison, T.A. - General (D-80-004)

This folder contains documents, primarily correspondence, covering a wide variety of subjects. Some of the material relates to personal matters. Also included are documents that deal with more than one subject, such as a letter about both the electric light and the telephone. Documents concerning subjects that do not fall under the main subject categories are also filed in this folder.

Approximately 80 percent of the documents have been filmed. Duplicate copies of correspondence, third-party correspondence unrelated to Edison, and unanswered fan mail have not been filmed. Unsolicited requests for personal favors, for loans and exhibits of inventions, and for information about Edison have not been filmed except in cases where a significant answer has been found.

# Chicago Electrical Society,

G. W. FELTON, *President.* J. E. PETTIT, *Secretary.*

Chicago, Jany 1st 1880.

T. A. Edison

Dear Sir.

— At a meeting of the Executive committee of The Chicago Electrical Society, I was requested to ask of you the favor of the loan or possession of one of your new, horseshoe, electric lamps.

Our society wish to be in the van in regard to advanced ideas in electric lighting, we deem it a great favor, and a big card for us should you regard our request favorably. Our next meeting will be the 15th inst. We sincerely desire to light our rooms with your lamp at that meeting and hereafter.

If you have objections, please overcome them if possible, and rest assured that we will appreciate your kindness. The society is very anxious to possess the lamp. If you comply please forward by express to me COD. Very Respectfully Yours &c

J. E. Pettit
Secy.

Happy New Years.

724 Fulton St.

#1, New York, 1/2/80

Edison,

I have to leave New York tomorrow may I and friends come tonight instead of tomorrow night

Kindly reply to Wards Office Dr. Muirhead

21 paid-
Horsed
8.52 am

O.K.
Hr Come

Newark Jan 2nd/80

T A Edison
Sir
is there any prospect for me with the Company Mr Lowry told me when you were ready he would give me chance —
I am Truly &c
J. T Murray

Eimer & Amend
Jan 3, 1880

EIMER & AMEND,
Importers,
205, 207 & 209 THIRD AVENUE, COR. 18th ST.,

New York, January 3, 1880.

Dear Sir,

On account of your favor October 24th 1879 concerning "Florida" we wrote to Europe about it and hold now as result of our efforts, all that was obtainable an amount of 1200 Francs which quantity is at our disposition at the rate of one Mark = 44 c. per Franc (outside) Said quantity will stay at our disposition till end of this month and we ask you for an early reply, if you will take it or not. Hoping to be favored with your kind orders for same we remain your Eimer & Amend.

over!

As minerals are free from duty and we can import it with our other goods, the costs to lay rail $200,0 down here, will amount to mere a trifle. E. a.

No. 44.

# HALF RATE MESSAGES.

## THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated San Francisco Cal 1/6 1880

Received at via New York 1/7 80

To Thos A Edison
Menlo Park NJ

We have received no money from you how was it sent

Wells Fargo & Co

14 Collect
33 4.1.13

Half Rate

Hoff

Griffen

5 600
12

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

# Newark Smelting & Refining Works

EDWARD BALBACH & SON.
PROPRIETORS.

Newark N.J. Jan 7 1880

Mr. Thomas Edison
Menlo Park N.J.
Dear Sir

In accordance with our promise we send you today by mail a small piece of Tellurium produced out of Tellurium gold ore from California and a little sample of Osmium-Iridium taken from California gold. Thanking you for the kindness and attention you showed us during our visit last week we remain

Yours respectfully
E. Balbach & Son
J. B. McLiffen Treas

OFFICE OF EDISON'S ELECTRIC PEN & PRESS.

T. CLELAND, Gen'l. Eastern Agent.

Western Electric Mfg. Co.
Chicago & New York
Manufacturers.

200. BROADWAY,

New York, Jany 7th 1880

Prof T. A Edison

Dear Sir:

I am having a continual call for the Duplicating Ink and have no means of filling orders, because I cannot make nor buy the ink.

Can't you either give me the formula for making or start the manufacture of it at the Park so we can supply the demand?

Yours truly
T Cleland.

Will give you formula if you want it.

6 Lombard Street E.C.

London 21st January 1880.

My Dear Edison

My hearty congratulations on your success with the Light.

The telegram I sent you re Kendall Report you have not replied to I presume because of not wishing to authenticate that description possibly for other good reasons. On the whole I think it just as well you did not reply.

I hope you will be able to let Johnson bring back material enough to give a practical exhibition of it here.

I have said nothing about the object of Johnson's mission to America as when he left I was in Paris taking a short rest I stand in need of. I have no doubt however the matter was well considered by the Board before taking so important a step as sending Johnson away from his work here. I know enough about the question to feel the gravity of the situation owing to the peculiarities of the English Patent law which have already been fully explained to you. If we succeed in getting our Declaimer there can be no doubt but that we shall have the Bell Company at our mercy. If we fail

in getting it — well I dont like to say what will be the consequences. John will explain it. That your presence has will contribute largely to the earlier hearing by the Attorney General I think. There can be no doubt and I think it is to make this clear to you and all the collateral bearings of the case that John has been sent out. For other reasons it may be well that you should come down for a short time. The rest and the sea voyage will do you good. You may be sure of a most flattering reception here: you cannot fail to enjoy yourself. If you come I shall be happy to have you accept the hospitalities of my home while you are here and shall endeavour in every way to make your visit a pleasant one as I feel sure that it would be.

Yours very truly

[illegible]

The Direct United States Cable Company, Limited

16 Broad Street

Personal

New York 9 Jan 1880.

Friend Edison

I congratulate you on the light. I fully expected the success – I have just the following from London.

"Ask Edison to reply to Gouraud's message of 3rd commencing Cable approval &c"

In haste

Very truly yours

G G Ward

Blank No. 1.

# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. No. "W" WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated Newark N.J. 1/10 1880

Received at 7.32 Rec

To Thomas A. Edison

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

What time can you
Monday to talk
about the batteries.

L. Mayburn

10 paid
Broker

No. 44.

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President

Dated San Francisco Cal 1/10 1880

Received at

To S L Griffin
Menlo Park N.J.

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

No acknowledgment from Rich
is anything wrong. answer
paid full Rate

R L Edgers

11 paid
Half Rate
R.L.

T. A. EDISON.

No 1 Menlo Park, N. J., Jany 11 1880

Rockwell Kent
Care G. P. Dewey MU

Please reply to following
just rec'd from Edgar
San Francisco

No acknowledgment
from Kent is anything
wrong answer paid

Griffin

18 paid
12 45 pm
G Bo

Thomas. A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir.

Enclosed please find Mr Ritchie's receipt for $15 for engravings. I also thankfully acknowledge receipt of $25 for 5 copies of the Telegraph in America.

Yours always.

NY. Jan 13/80. James B. Reid

[ENCLOSURE]

**A. H. RITCHIE,**

109 Liberty Street, near Church.

New York, Jany 12 1880

Rec ~~New York~~ from James B. Reid Fifteen dollars for printing. India proofs of Edison

A. H. Ritchie

No. 63.

Message No. _____ **The Western Union Telegraph Company,** Letter _____

From Cincinnati O Jan 16 1880 _____ Sheet _____

Thomas A Edison Esq
Menlo Park NJ

Friend Edison, I desire to go to Mexico and Central America, but having no business in view, see no immediate prospect of returning to those parts.

The idea struck me, however, that possibly you had not disposed of your right to the "Light" for those parts, and you, knowing my knowledge of the people, customs, and language of the "Hispan Americans" republics, might give me the opportunity I so much desire. Or, should the 'light' be out of your hands entirely, could you forward this letter to such parties as would be most likely to have the matter in charge, together with such comment as you might choose to make in my behalf.

I congratulate you upon your recent success, the greatest of the age. We anxiously wait the rising of the Menlo-Park Sun

Very Truly
Your Friend

Chas H Billings
W.U. Tel Office
Cincinnati O

HALL OF THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE,
15 S. Seventh Street,

Philadelphia Jan 15 1883

Rec'd Jan 17 1883
Ans Jan 19 1883

Mr. T. A. Edison

Dear Sir

The members of the Franklin Institute are all very much excited about your lamp and every day at least half a dozen ask me whether we are not to have it for our meeting on the 24th. Mr. Outerbridge of the N. S. Merit who saw it in operation, thought you might be induced to let us have for exhibition one of the cracked ones, and a carbon filament. He proposes to describe it and I have had made for him some lantern slides of the generator & the Mercury pump etc. As he is very enthusiastic about it, and has studied the subject

in detail his remarks will be very interesting.

As in your letter of last year he here promised the lamp as soon as it should be publicly exhibited at the Park, I hope this request will be granted pledging myself that it will be only exhibited and returned to you without delay if you so direct.

Please send then one of the useless ones by Express and much oblige

Yours very truly
ISAAC SMITH R.
Secretary pro tem

~~At present~~
We are awful short of Lamps but if any ~~photo~~ ~~Famous men~~ ~~people~~ your friends ~~would~~ pass here they might stop off & I will give Gulbrulge a Lamp

Washington 1/15/1880

Prof. Edison Menlo Park.

Only two of Frank Thomson's meters working send another there today Tell E. H. Johnson to come over here tonight without fail on his way back He can adjust Thomson's O.K. answer on what train he will come

M. H. Painter

203/pm
Russell

Phila Jany 6, 80
A E Outerbridge
Ans'd Jany 13

Answer Outerbridge like Norris say that's well give him a lamp to see by coming
may call you

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
ASSAY DEPARTMENT.

M.S. Jany 10 1880.

My dear Sir.

Dr Norris the Secretary of the Franklin Institute has requested me to give some account of my very interesting visit to your laboratory at the next meeting on Wednesday &c.

I was very favorably impressed with your lights, believing that you have accomplished what all other investigators in the

same fields have failed in doing. I confess that I came to Menlo Park disposed to be, if not skeptical, at least very critical, knowing by ~~practical~~ experience the difficulties in the way of a practical solution of the problem of incande-cent illumination.

I should like very much to be able to show the members of the Institute one of the paper horse shoes before burning & one after being carbonized, and also one of the lamps. An imperfect lamp would answer the purpose simply to show its construction.

I have no doubt that you are overwhelmed with similar letters & requests but it is the penalty of greatness!, and if you can conveniently oblige me thus far I shall be much indebted

Yours truly

A.G. Cutterbridge Jr.

No 7/ Philadelphia Jan. 16 – 1880

T. A. Edison

Menlo Park

Repeat anything for me here tonight @ Menlo in morning

Johnson –

40 paid

Hrs + Sw

10.0 v pm

Can you arrange
to talk to Prof
Baker & Tomorrow
& arrange
no 7 or 8 wire
Robo

Phila 17

From Ro. Phila

Edison

Can you look out for Prof Barker & Dr on no York tomorrow afternoon about two oclock

Answer Robinson

Boston

Philada 17 —

Mr Edison. NY

Will you be kind enough to go on no York tomorrow afternoon about two (2) oclock I want to speak to you H. O. Robinson

— Boston

will be on hand at two oclock but will not have much time to spend

T. A. EDISON,

Jan. 17th,

Menlo Park, N. J., 1880.

H O Robinson

Will be on hand at two oclock but will not have much time to spend

T A Edison

Ans 2 Spring

Was moved in Scotch cause = you & I can come on evening before thought of

University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Jan. 18. 1880

My dear Edison:—

I have waited all this afternoon in the hope of getting you on my wire as Mr. Robinson told me this morning you said you would be on the look out for me about 2 o'clock. I was quite disappointed that you did not appear, because I wanted to ask you two questions the answers to which I wanted tonight. In the first place, Mr. Frank Thomson, Gen. Mgr. Pennsylvania R. R. Co. has invited a few of Prof. Barker's friends to go over to Menlo Park in his private car some day this week, and I wanted to know whether it would be convenient for you to have us come and whether there is any choice of days. If there is to be anything special on any particular day, that is the day we want to come. The party will be composed of some of our very best people and I would like to have them see things at their best. Of the num-

ber will be the distinguished physiologist, Dr. Weir Mitchell. The other day I described to him your curious observation upon the effect produced by rapid mechanical vibrations, and its analogy to that produced by a intermittent induced current. He was very much interested in the fact, especially with reference to nervous sensibility. He has spoken to me about it several times and has now asked me if I would ask you, if not too much trouble, if you could rig up some sort of a rude contrivance just to show him these effects so that he can have a complete apparatus made for experiment.

I wanted also to try the motograph receiver from here to Menlo this afternoon. Mine is now in excellent condition and I wanted to compare your transmitters there with those Mr. Clute talked to me on from Harrisburg the other day.

Dr. Gentle wanted me to ask if you could spare him some of your North Carolina monazite and also specimens for his cabinet of such platinum sands as you had plenty of, with the locality?

Please answer on wire tomorrow

Cordially yours
George F. Barker.

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# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



A. B. BREWER, Sec'y. WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated New York 1/19 1880

Received at

To Edison

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

If any cables repeat to Bergmann

E H Johnson

6 paid

H of

D.U.S. Cable Coy

19.1.80.

Broad Street
New York

My dear Sir,

I am here again on my way home from Torbay a second time. I should like to call on you before leaving but fear to do so without permission because I see by the papers that you are harassed with visitors and I have not the slightest wish to intrude myself.

Hoping you & yours are quite well, I remain,
dear Sir,
Yours sincerely
Alex Muirhead

Come down & see us

W. E. Dodge Jr. Prest.

# THE ANSONIA CLOCK COMPANY

W. J. Davies Genl. Manager

11 TO 21 CLIFF STREET

FACTORIES
ANSONIA, CONN.
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

New York January 19 1880

T. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir

I have been informed that there is a party the name of Swanson residing 9 Plymouth Street Brooklyn. who has got a process of making glue tough so that you can hit it with hard substance and it will not break. If the above would be any benefit to you I will call onto the matter and give you all particulars — Will have some of that straight Scotch Tube in a few days. —

Did it ever occur to you to use a Rubber Roller for the Phonograph — they can be blown —

Yours very truly

Wm. J. Davies

Rubber Roller a new idea
will try it = pls find out
what you can about the
new glue

# Chicago Electrical Society,

G. W. FELTON, *President.* J. E. PETTIT, *Secretary.*

Chicago, January 20th 1880.

T. A. Edison

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 5th inst rec'd - In which you state we would be obliged to procure the permission of a company you had sold out your interest in the E. L. to, before we could procure a lamp -

Will you be kind enough to aid us in procuring this permission.

We are very desirous of placing your light in our rooms at our February meeting.

If a light cannot be purchased, we ask the loan of one. Will you kindly use your influence in our favor. Or please give us the address of the party or parties we are to apply to.

Very Respectfully
Yours &c
J. E. Pettit
Secy

# The American Shoe Tip Co.

147 ~~98~~ SUMMER STREET,

WM. CLAFLIN, Pres.
H. S. CHASE, Vice Pres.
H. A. VAN WAGENEN, Treas.

Boston, Sept 23 1870

T. A. Edison

Dear Sir

I will sell you the lots you enquire about at $250. per lot

Yours Truly
Geo. Woodyear

Goodyear
Jan 23

Geo Goodyear
Jan 23 1880

Please not cut up
When Take this

Jersey City, 7th 1880

E. P. Talbot, No ans

Friend Edison,

I presume you have seen the enclosed — but I send it to make sure. You won't lose such a good thing! —

What are you doing at the Park? — Spending no more money or making some by Electricity? — Whatever you do please decline any more talks with reporters — Depend upon it they do no good with almost the certainty of doing harm —

Mr. Harjes writes me under date of the 6th inst.

that he hopes soon to be able to get your share of the money of the Edison Telephone Co.

Faithfully Yours

E. P. Babbitt

No ans

Vinton Da Jany 24 1880.

T A Edison Esq.
Menlo Park N.J.

Friend Edison;

Once before I have had occasion to address you from this place. and whilst doing so thought it not out of place to recall to your mind our former acquaintance whilst operators in the Cincinnati W.U. Ofs. You were then I think "Report Opr". Lewis & I worked "Lvl. Ckt". Milt Adams I think, the "City Jirk water".

I was in hopes that the letter referred to would ~~be~~ reach you & receive ~~a~~ personal attention from you. which would have afforded me very great satisfaction & pleasure. and at the same time would have provided me with a memento of the T.A. Edison of today.

I am at present engaged in "Photography". but of course still "hanker" after the "sounder" & "key". I

enclose you photos of myself & daughter. Time may have altered my features some, but the "shadow" may aid your memory of me.

I have ofcourse kept myself posted in electrical matters, and think that there is "a good Time coming" for those familiar with the science, and it is with a view to engaging actively in the field, that I now address you in hopes of receiving attention.

I desire to know as fully as possible the details of your system of electric lighting, and would be glad to obtain circulars, if you have them "out". I wish also to enquire regarding the means to be adopted to utilize, or introduce the system into general use, and if town, City, or State rights may be obtained. If not the latter, I would like to ascertain if I could not make my services of use to the company.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience I take the liberty of an old acquaintance to subscribe myself.

Fraternally Yours,

J. W. Doan. Ex. Opr.

If Milt Adams is about pls remember me to him. W.D.

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A. R. BREWER, Gen'l Sup't. WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated Newark N.J. 1/24 1880

Received at

To Thos A Edison

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Some of your negatives are stolen do me the extreme favor to keep all proofs sent together and return them all

E P Spain

21 paid

NY Jany 24.80
S H White
no ans

file

Room 91 #71 B'way
NY Jany 24th/80

Prof. T. A. Edison

My dear Sir,

Your ~~returned~~ favor of yesterday is at hand.

I beg leave to reply that I cannot suggest the utilization of mica, but leave that for your genius. The base of your glass lamp, if made of mica, wh., is not affected by heat or cold, may be the best way to utilize it. I can send you any size of samples to experiment with.

By the way, as I chance to know somewhat of your interviews with Messrs Dorsey & Robinson of 61 B'way, I shall

be very glad to introduce to you a gentleman of large experience in mines, who differs decidedly from most men, as to the production of ores &c, & whose ideas I think run in accord with your own. He will be here soon, & I will send or bring him to you if you desire. His views have no reference to reducing ores, but only to the method by which found veins. His reasoning is novel, & seems to be correct. If it is correct, the slight knowledge I have of your suggestions about reduction coincide with his about formation. If you would like to meet him, please advise me.

Yours truly

J. H. Wiatt.

T. W.

Kristiania January 26, 80
Jonas Wenstrom
No ans

Kristiania, Holbergsg. 23 Jan. 26th 1880

file

Prof. T. A. Edison.
Menlo Park. N.J.

Dear Sir!

Your favor of the 18th Nov. 1879 was duly received. Please recieve my thanks for the beautiful picture.

Having been delayed by sickness and waiting for answers from the most prominent mineralogists in these countries, I will now at last answer your query relating Torit. This mineral is very rare, probably the greatest lot in the world beeing in the laboratory of Kristiania and it is not much over 100 gram. Bunsen for example was very glad, when

recieving a few grams thereof some years ago.

The mineral is found only in Norway on the islands in the bay of Brevig (a town a few miles from Kristiania) It is possible to recieve it sometimes but in very small quantities from the farmers living on these Islands. The price cannot be fixed.

I am respectfully yours very truly

Jonas Wenstrom

THE FULLER ELECTRICAL COMPANY,
Office No. 20 Nassau Street,
Rooms Nos. 5 and 6.

New York, Jany 28th 1880

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park N. J.

Dear Sir: I have yours of the 23d inst., acknowledging receipt of description of Dynamometer, and expressing desire for some of my publications on Electro-Metallurgy.

I enclose in this some slips cut from "the Engineering & Mining Journal" of March 16th, 23d & 30th 1878, in relation to Refining of Copper &c.

As they are the only ones I have, unfortunately, I feel obliged to ask you to return them after perusal.

I will, in a short time send you copies of subsequent publications in the line of refining bullion, &c.

Respy
A. S. Keith.

Send them back with thanks. Say I find I have copies of the journal here.

CHARLES T. HOOPER,

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

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ETC., ETC.

76 NASSAU STREET,

1165 Broadway, under Coleman House.

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Frames of all Descriptions Made to Order.

New York May 30th 1880

Prof Thos. A Edison

Dear Sir

We have now in stock handsomely framed the picture you asked for when you was in last ("Madona Del Carmine") If you have not purchased the same elsewhere I would be pleased to have you call in and see it when you are in town

Very Respectfully Yours

Chas T. Hooper

Baltimore
January 30 1880

My dear Sir.

My Father x understands that in the process of your experiments you have hit upon a possible means of converting iron into steel at a very low cost. He also indicated to me that you are willing to have some one investigate this under your general direction not having time to devote to it yourself. Will you kindly advise me what arrangement you would be willing to make regarding the matter.

Respectfully yours
Wm L. Garrett

Thos: A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J.

x Wishes the benefit of meeting & conferring with you personally for a short time

Grafter is given W L Garrett Pres't B & O RR by the

Write and say that I have kept the matter in mind since I saw your father, and that as soon as I can get rid of my light which will be about a month that we will confer together with a view of going into some preliminary experiments to determine whether it is best to proceed

Mr Edward Kennedy
Kansas City — Missouri
2.12. 1880
Howard

Dear Sir

I received your Kind letter only yesterday — I play every day in another town, therefore letters sometime travel after me quite a good while — but after all I received it, and I thank you for it — I thank you also very warmly for having accepted my dedication — which sprang altogether of the admiration I have for your good sense — I read your Exposé in Scribner's with the greatest

interest — as I read everything concerning you — Of course I will avail myself of your kind invitation to come and see you as soon as I will be able to do so, — you did not understand me alltogether — I had no idea whatever of inviting you to the Concert on the 14th Jan. in Brooklyn, I know too well, how your time is absorbed, I am no Edison at all — and I have no time for anything — if I had, you would soon see me in Menlo-Park — and I would force you to in=

vent something
beautiful to the
strains of my
Violin.

I am dear Sir
your great
admirer

Edward Remenyi

I hope — I am
sure — you
succeed — I
am sure.

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Quincy Ill Feb 3 1880

Received at

To Victor Hugo

Orthanise "Prof"

T A Edison

Say Ed have you got a job for a feller out of work would like to work for you. not at telegh tho if could help it — Send me your Photo + your illustrious sig written by yourself want to show it to the Boys you know I tell them I used to work

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

with Edison that sounds
big you know want
to show the picture to
the natives too —
If you have any
time to spare write
me a line or two.
73

Yours till death
E W Clowes

Cor 4th + Hampshire Sts

There's a high toned family
here that claim relationship
with you Ed has a Doctor

Till
Now

PH Thompson

Wappingers Falls N.Y.
Feb 3/80

Dear Edison

Can you not help a Poor Devil back into the old biz. I am busted in the biz. & "Writers Cramp" prevents me from taking a Position as Opr, which Friend Downer has offered me - Dont you think I would be a handy man around your future developments of Electric Lights &c - I have a big family and am having quite a fight for Bread - Please give me a show & I'll never accuse you of getting Calahan to furnish Brains for your inventions I was going to call on you

on thursday last but Downey informed me you were in for a big sleep. If you can give me a show to get in business soon I will be no stickler for salary or hours service required.

Please give the old man a chance

Yrs Truly

P. H. Shaughnessy

Dear Tom

Allow me to Congratulate you on success of Electric Light hoping it may illuminate your road to the highest Pinnacle of Fame.- Sent you Phonographic letter per Pety of Para.- understand Telephonic Communication is about to be initiated in this City Send me the papers

Yours.

M. F. Adams

P.O. Box 443.
Rio de Janeiro 5 Feby 1880.

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., Feb 7th 1880.

Frank. McLaughlin.

Cor Colden & Bleecker St Newark

See if Sutherland owns interest in Canadian patent if so get it, ~~[illegible]~~

~~[illegible]~~

T A Edison

12 DM

Send copy

Put up brass
in office Copy time
11½ yrs behind time
You can go ahead
Tell marks
Not applied for

Sticklin & Griffin Engs

Dear Sir

Will you please
let the Patents go forward on
the Polyform as soon as possible
as we are about ready to let it
out

Yours
W. D. Lewis

Boston July 10, 80
Office 4½ Sears Building

Rec'd Phila Feb 11, 80
Dr C Siler
a Feb 23, 80

Refer to Bewley

Philadelphia
Feb. 11th. 1880.

Mr. T. A. Edison

Dear Sir

Being engaged in some investigations of the sounds of speech and especially of the consonants and finding that the telephone gives the best results as an analyzer of these sounds, I address my self to you to ask if it would be possible for me to obtain one of your Motographs or loud speaking telephones. With this instrument I hope to be able to record the sounds received by the graphic method and thus control the analysis made by the ear.

If you could give me any suggestions in regard to the use of telephones and the best form to use for my experiments I would be greatly

indebted to you.

I am using a microphone transmitter and Bell receivers but not from choice merely because I can not obtain one of your adjustable transmitters

Hoping that you will not think me impertinent in thus addressing you -

I remain
respectfully yours.
C. Seiler
1608 Pine St.

My dear Edison:—

Dr. Seiler is well known to us here in Philadelphia as an investigator in sound. His mother assisted Helmholtz in some of his most important investigations. If you can grant his request, I know you will need no urging to do so. Yours truly
George H. Barker.

Phila. Feb. 14th. 1880

Newyork Jsly 11/80
Thomas A Edison 1 20 PM
Menlo Park

Shall I find you
at home tomorrow afternoon
for half an hour's
business

Sorem

13 paid
Rec

New York, Feby 11th 1880

T. A. Edison, Esq

This is Clara's daddy

Dear Sir,

Write good letter ~~[illegible]~~ pretty ~~[illegible]~~ Understanding, that you were intending to go California in the spring; also, that possibly Mr Bachelor needed a little rest, and would also leave for a spell, it seemed to me that possibly you and I might agree upon some arrangement, whereby I could become general manager for you so as to give you more leisure and rest.

You have a very thorough practical knowledge of Electricity, but it has occurred to me, that I could advance your interests by my knowledge of the mathematical theory and the technical acquirements which I have of that subject.

The future of the application of electricity to Mechanics is one of great promise, and is a field where inventors can reap great rewards, besides the many tentative experiments, which you are constantly making, would afford to anyone who is studying

unequalled advantages to demonstrate theory by practice.

Yours resp.
Jas. D. Warner

OFFICE OF

# The Menlo Park Manufacturing Co.,

~~Menlo Park, New Jersey,~~ New York, Feby 13th 1880.

T. A. Edison Esqr
Dr Sir
I write to acknowledge the receipt (at Rochway) of (4) four package of letters pertaining to Polyform. for which please accept my thanks
In future will you kindly forward anything in our line to
100 Broadway Room 8 New York

Yours Truly
Geo. W. Stone

NY Feb 16, 80
R L Cutting Jr
A Feb 17

Send Reports &c

My dear Edison

I promised Mr J. A. Burden that I would write you a line and express my hope that you would go to his house on Wednesday evening on the occasion of a reception to the Mining engineers. He has I believe sent you

a formal invitation
Please consider yourself
begged to go —

yours truly
R L Cutting Jr

Feb 16/90

[ENCLOSURE]

Mr. & Mrs. James A. Burden
At Home,
Wednesday evening, February eighteenth,
at half past eight o'clock,
to meet the members of the
American Institute of Mining Engineers.

Respt. 139 Fifth Avenue.

Feby 17.30

Mr Edison Paris

Drexel Hanges have my power atty
I can do no thing from here
it is too complicated See
Hanges

21 Menlo Park
307 Pro. Ly Ho

Edison

[ON BACK OF PRECEDING PAGE]

Griffin.

Try and fix up Bergmann at D.M.+C. see his letters, you can probably arrange to have the forward & collect his drafts.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.

Mattison Ills Station, Feby 18 1887

file
no answer

Thos A Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir.

For many months I've essayed to write you but always dismissed the thought, feeling you were pressed with more important business and my letter would be a waste of words. Have you not, or can you not invent so simple a thing as will run a sewing machine by electricity? If so please write me price, name &c so I may become the happy possessor of it! I have a lovely Wheeler & Wilson No 8 standing in the corner of my (Delegh) ofs but am unable to run it. Now I am going to tell you

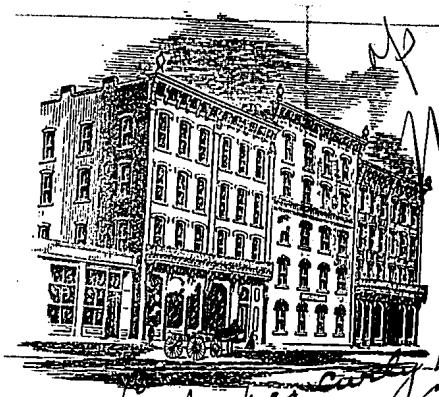
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.

Station, 187

who I am. The school ma'am who boarded at your Fathers the winter you were home sick at the Fort & who assisted you in inventing that Duplex & Quadruplex! I have followed you through all these years, as your efforts have been published through the press & allow me to say am truly glad of your success! Don't forget you owe a duty to your self, however in your love of invention. Please favor me with a reply. My name is not Mrs Rickerson now, but

Mrs W. J. Powers.
Mattison Cook Co
Ills

[FROM WILLIAM PITT EDISON]



HURON HOUSE

AMOS JAMES, PROPRIETOR.

PORT HURON, MICHIGAN.

Cady has cut hair and shave

W. B. J. WILLIAMS, PRINTER, ROOM 1 BALLENTINE BLOCK.

Feb 19 1880

Dear Bro Dam-
worth

I see Tony Brunk this morning and he tells me that the Sight is all OK and no mistake I want you to make it a share they so that some of those damd newspapers will have to take back what they have said about it But what I write you for is this I guess that you will remember Sew Cady the young man that was at Merlo with Tony Brunk when Charly was there he drives in Seymour on the shore and

he has always wanted to
go back and work for
you he is not afraid of
work he is willing to do
any thing from carrying the
hod to book keeping he is
a good fellow I wish you would give
him a place at something
has Father gone to Florida
I suppose ~~going~~ the reports
dont you think they look
better will send you them
regular every month and
also hope I can send you
a Dividend before long
Please answer and let me
know what you can do
for Sam

WPE

The Edison Telephone Company of London, Limited.
Mansion House Chambers, Rooms No. 113. 11, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.
MANAGER & SECRETARY.
ARNOLD WHITE.

London Feby 19th 1880.

My Dear Edison

This will introduce Dr Willis of the Union S. S. Wisconsin with whom I crossed last summer He is desirous of rambling through your Laboratory and shaking hands with the Proprietor Please accord him the dual privilege and charge the same to the A/c of your foreign Embassy

E. H. Johnson

P.S. The Doctor is a good fellow

E.H.J.

N.B.
His Captain sings Pinafore ah I am on the Poop by Moonlight with the Girls

E.H.J.

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# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



Dated Williamsburg N.Y. 2/20 1880

Received at 8 30 pm. Raisen

To Thos. A. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Cannot come down tonight as agreed
Sickness in family

9 paid J. H. Good

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Pay what you please thank you in advance for the gobbler

319 East 12th St.

Kansas City Feb. 22d 1880.

Mr Thomas Edison.

Menlo Park N.J. Dear Sir,

This morning my attention was drawn to a peice in the Philadelphia Record. purporting to be statements made by you. on the success of your Electric Light. You State. "if a man get up an invention that is a, mere toy, and of no, earthly, use. nothing is said about it. But as soon as a man gets up an invention that is of great commercial importance, that conflicts with long established Monopolies, then they is a general rush to endeavor to, pull him down, and show after all that he has accomplished nothing. Now I venture to say you never, uttered, a greater truth than that. I have experienced that truth myself. I have laboured night and day with my mind & strength. for 30 years of my life. to construct a, perfect,

Refrigerator. Five years ago. I claim that I accomplished the work. and the Patent Office gave me two Patents. One for a family. Refrigerator. the Other for car Refrigerator. As soon as I built a car and tested the principle before the Public. It was pronounced a perfect success by, all classes. what was the result. as soon as the Stock yard Companies between St Louis & Boston see, ~~and~~ become convinced, that I had a car that would carry fresh beef, any distance, and at all times of the year. in a perfect state of preservation. They formed a ring to pervent me in running my car. got the Rail Roads in with them. to bluff me down. because I could carry 40 beeves in my car where only 18 to 20 live cattle could be transported. It would reduce one half, the freight on beef. to the R.R. Coy, and it would do away with all Stock yards. for the simple reason. that every battle raiser could butcher his own beeves, wherever fatten. (in the vicinity of a R. Road) and ship them to any distant Market. This Money Monopoly. has ~~to~~ resorted to every mode of

Kansas City Feby 22 1880
J H Canfield
Esq Mch 2 1880

of Strategy. to Bucher me out of my Patent. to get the controling Power in their own hands. and have used every means to discourage me in order to induce me to sell my Patent for a trifling sum. But I have stuck and hung to my Patents. up to the Present time. and now after 5 years fighting. they begin to yield. And I believe to day. that I have the largest amount of money on my side. and of course, the balance of Power. and by next year I will win the day. ~~Your~~ My interest in your success. is next to my own. And I hope soon to be able to present you with as nice a Colorado. turkey Gobler. killed ~~by you~~ in Colorado in the month of August. as you ever bought in the City of N. York.

With my kindest wishes
I remain Respectfully
J. H Canfield.

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

*Dated* New York Feby 23 188

*Received at* 2.06 am

*To* Thomas Alva Edison

It is general holiday
I find will defer
my visit to you
until tomorrow
Tuesday

John Waugh

1 5 paid
H.J.

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

*Dated* New York Feby 24 1880

*Received at* 3.15 pm

*To* T A Edison

Much obliged for ~~the~~
suggestion. May take
some time

A McK Twombly

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Clarksville Tenn Feby 1880
Geo. Prime
Grand Ind

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OFFICE OF THE

# Western Union Telegraph Company,

Clarksville Tenn Feby 23rd 1880

Thos A. Edison

Friend Tom

I think of throwing off the bondage of this office, which has lasted eleven years, and strike out for the engineering field, that is, in the electrical department, I feel cramped here, my full understanding and practical experience in complicated wires and machinery will fit me for the management construction and working of any-thing, from your Quadruplex down through the Telegraph field to the Telephone and District Systems even unto the Electric Light, I have kept posted and am quite up in understanding, so as to operate practically by setting up any ~~any~~ kind of coplex machinery at all kinds of stations. You may remember that I was one of the few in Cincinnati Office that

When I hear of anything good
will let you know

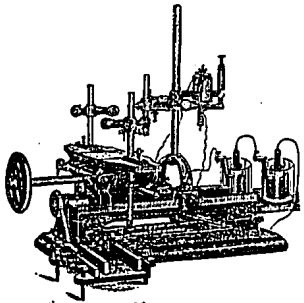
furnished J. F. Stevens a full sketch diagram of the Hicks Repeaters which was some for those days,

I wish a letter of introduction from you, "to whom it may concern" that will assist me in working up "a better claim" in some of the departments above referred to, suit your convenience as to time as I have a safe thing here $80.00 per month and will not let go till I hook something better,

Should you happen upon a "missing link" that you could supply by recommending the undersigned I will appreciate it also, I fear you have been ~~bound~~ bared considerably by Operators & other friends(?) who hardly knew you in your untiring patient toil at the foot of the ladder above the top of which you now stand.

A hint from you as to my ability on points named is all that I ask of you in the letter requested, I can satisfy any body as to habits &c besides giving bond &c

Respectfully J. A. Pearce



P. O. BOX, 157.

# THE GUERRANT
# Electro Engraving Machine,

MACHINES SOLD WITH LIMITED TERRITORY TO USE THEM IN.

Address, G. M. GUERRANT.

Danville, Va. Feb 25th 1880

Prof. Thomas A. Edison

Dear Sir

I called to see you several days ago but could not do so I have a valuable invention that will be issued soon and I wanted to see if I could get you through your agents in foreign countries to introduce it for me I have gotten up several inventions but for want of proper management have done but little with them I would like to know if you will do this I enclose slip of engraving done with one of my inventions I think you saw this when in its infancy and I venture to ask a favor of you which would be of great value to me that is to give me certificate saying you had seen the machine &c I have certificates as to its work from the leading jewelers of the country

Yours Respectfully
G. M. Guerrant

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated New York Feby 27 1880

Received at 2 30 pm

To T A Edison
Menlo Park

Mr. Connery and I will be there tomorrow afternoon two thirty

E M Fox

11 paid
Rf

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. 3 NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated New York March 3 1880

Received at 1 6 pm

To T A Edison
Menlo Park N J

Did we cannot come out tonight visit postponed few days

Helene L Roosevelt

10 paid
Rf

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# American EXPRESS Company.

A. C. KENNEDY,
AGENT.

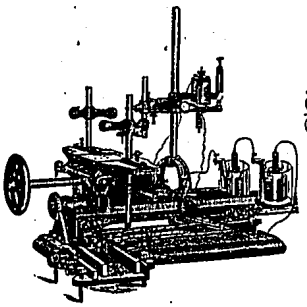
Hopkins, Mo., March 3 1890

Mr Edison

Dear Sir

In looking over some papers the other day and seeing your name my mind was carried backward 15 years and I was led to wonder if you were the Edison that we use to call little Al. the boy that Alex Stephenson Conductor on the Port Huron division called his boy it also came to my mind if you are the same if any recollection of old times ever come across you in the whirl and excitement of present hopes and ambition if you ever recalled to mind parties you were then acquainted with sometimes I catch myself asking the question where such a one is for instance McKenzie of Mt Clemens Kurn of Baltimore I've lost all trace of them if you find time you might drop me a few lines I use to be at Utica

Yours Al Kennedy



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Danville, Va., Mar 4th 1880

Prof Thomas A. Edison

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor just to hand giving me address of your agent in London and saying you would sign Certificate for me if not objectionable if the Enclosed Certificate is objectionable would be thankful for any thing you may say for it With your permission I will forward to your agent in London one of my new invention as soon as I can get one ready

Yours Very Respectfully
G. M. Guerrant

Please address me
at Charleston S. C.

Drexel, Morgan & Co.

P.O. Box 3036.

New York March 5th 1880

Friend Edison,

Please write me a few lines, saying in general terms your prospects are good, or better than ever, or something like that — A Lady in England, whom we wish to oblige, wants your autograph — If you have a Photograph to spare please put your signature on it & send it home — Only I hope it will be a better looking thing than the Bust in the window of Wells & Porter Bway —!

Yrs faithfully

E. P. Abbott

T. A. Edison Esq

[FROM JOSIAH C. REIFF]

Nymph 8/80

When did Z.A.W leave
Meals. when will he return
I expected to see him here
Thursday. have heard nothing
from him.

J C R

Mr. Paris

Mch 8. 80
9 20 P.m.

Edison
Menlo Park NJ

Expenses carrying business obliged me to draw sight Charlys bills which I paid avoid scandal have Drexel pay by Cable advise White Gray contract signed mailed fifth for ratification

Bailey

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OFFICE OF

EDWIN M. FOX,

Attorney and Counselor at Law,

No. ~~200 BROADWAY, Room 6,~~ 140 Nassau

~~(Corner Park Row)~~ Room 24.

New York, Mch 13 1880

My dear Al:

I send you by Griffin $1400 - $1000 in bills and my check for $400. The balance I will give you in two or three days. My friend asked me for the temporary use of $600. Griff will explain.

I send you my certificate of 3 Sh Electric Light as security for the remaining $600 on Co's a/c. Keep my 5 shares of Ore Milling for a few days

Yrs Ed M. Fox

The Edison Telephone Company of London Limited.
Mansion House Chambers,
Rooms No. 113.
11, Queen Victoria Street E.C.

MANAGER & SECRETARY.
ARNOLD WHITE.

London Mar 18th 1880

19 Words a Minute
Through Malta & Gibraltar
Cable 980 Knots Paper
in Local Ckt of a
Brown & Allen Relay

E H J

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., March 15th 1880.

8%. Hobo Shares. Cash $7.500
17% 8.500 " at 60 days 55.
$62.500

the latter being optional

Mortimer S. Brown

48 E. 6th St
Plainfield N. J.

NYPS March 15 1880
10 25 AM

T A Edison

Do you wish to make such an arrangement as proposed to Mr Carman Thursday

If so can you see me today with a view to immediate action Please answer

J. A. H. Harbrock

29 paid
Ho 9

We dont go into Enterprises in such a precipitous manner

Edison

12 W
9 Ho

11 Collect

John K. Porter.
Grosvenor P. Lowrey.
Geo. Wales Soren.
Chas Francis Stone.
Geo. S. Hamlin.
Wm. L. Porter.

P. O. Box 1836.

Porter, Lowrey, Soren & Stone.
Attorneys & Counsellors at Law.
No. 3 Broad St. New York.

March 16, 1880.

My dear Edison:

Enclosed please find two bills of Mr. Serrell to Drexel, Morgan & Co. and to Fabbri and Lowrey, for patents to be issued for recent improvements. The bills are sent to me by the Fabbris for my approval, of course. Do you think they should be taken out? I assume that in some of these foreign countries we could get on very well with the principal points covered, whereas in this country we would have to cover everything, because of contests with other people, who seek here for similar protection.

I have arranged with Dr. Green to go down to Menlo on Thursday at one o'clock, to have a talk with you on the subject of the Motograph. I repeated substantially what you said, and I think it is wise and desirable that you should make your view of present relations with the Western Union entirely clear to Dr. Green. Do not hesitate to express yourself with the same definiteness that you did to me. It will be useful to both parties to understand each other fully.

Please let me have the bills and letters back by mail,

with the expression of your opinion and wishes as to whether these Patents should be taken out in all these countries.

Very truly yours

G. P. Lowrey

Thos. A. Edison, Esq.

Enclosures:

Letters & bills of L. W. Serrell.

Foreign
E.S. NY Mar 16, 1880
G P Lowrey

Regarding Dr Green the
Motograph & Serrells bill
for foreign E.S. patents

no use



with the exercise of your opinion and advice as to whether these patents should be taken out in all these countries.

Very truly yours

Thos. A. Edison, Esq.

Enclosures:

Letters Patents of N. H. Berrett.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE,

CHARLES S. HILL, Clerk.

New-Brunswick, N. J., Mch 16 1880.

Dear Sir,

In regard to search against "Menlo Park" lots, you ordered, I am unable to give a correct search for liens without making a complete search for Conveyance, while you do not ask for deeds, I concluded not to make the same without you say so, as it will make the search more expensive, the statement you sent does not show all the conveyance, please let me know what to do, and I will complete search in quick order,

Yours &c

C. S. Hill Clerk

B

John K. Porter.
Grosvenor P. Lowrey.
Geo. Wales Soren.
Chas Francis Stone.
Geo. S. Hamlin.
Wm. L. Porter.

P. O. Box 1836.

Porter, Lowrey, Soren & Stone.
Attorneys & Counsellors at Law.
No. 3 Broad St. New York.

Wednesday March 17 1880.

Dear Sir:

Mr Lowrey directs me to write you that Dr Green and he will come out to Menlo Park tomorrow on the three o'clock train

Very Respy
Francis Jordan

Thomas A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park.
N.J.

E.L. My Mar 17. 60

G P Lowrey

No ans

Mar 18 1880

C L Hill
County Clerk
NB.

Make a complete search on lots from Isaac Thornall's Conveyance

Very truly
L A Edmon

Western Electric Manufacturing Company, of Chicago,

Electro-Medical Department, Eastern Supply Depot,

DR. T. CLELAND, AGENT.

200 ~~207~~ BROADWAY, NEW YORK, March 18th 1880

Prof T. A. Edison

Menlo Park.

N.J.

Dear Sir:

I am just in receipt of postal from G.H. Bliss telling me I will have to apply to yourself or Mr. Batchelor for the formula for the Edison Duplicating Ink. and as we are very nearly out it will be a great accomodation if I can get it soon.

If possible please let me have it this week and greatly oblige

Yours truly

T. Cleland

m/ NY Mar 18, 80
T Cleland
No ans

Western Union Telegraph Company

George B. Prescott,
Electrician.

New York March 19 1880

Thos A Edison Esq

Menlo Park N. J.

My dear Chevalier,

I am very much obliged in receiving your communication last week about the sale of the European patent &c., although I had preferred of course a different and affirmative answer, which certainly would have pleased better my European friends and myself.

May I trouble you once more? I took the liberty a couple of weeks ago to send you a copy of the Dry Placer Amalgamator Co (Denver Colorado) pamphlet, Erastus S Bennett Prem. I am a "little" interested in this patent and its success. Perhaps you can recollect I told you this as early as 1877, when you penned the first plan and Bennett's letter to me, about the subject, and said to me: "a good plan; using water

over and over again several times. A good plan!

I recollect these words of you very distinctly. Ned I say that these words out of your genial mouth have kept up my life and most sanguine hopes for better times to come, even in the dull "humdrum" of our darling Electricians Department?

But, — let me not, by taking too much of your valuable time, and finish by requesting you most respectfully, urgently and politely to send me a few lines through your Sentry expressing your esteemed opinion of this Amalgamator, to the effect of either crushing or reviving my hopes in our patent and its hoped for financial results in the near future. I am sure you can tell from a glance, if it probably is going really to be the "immense thing" some parties claim it to be?

Will you oblige me.

Your respectfully
and admiringly
William H. Bok
Room 20 — 195 Bway

Say to Bok that
If Bennett's Mach
does as he says
it is a Bonanza

Mar 20. 80
325-

Ny 20

T A Edison

Will be in Menlo
this Evening

Edwin M Fox

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Dated New York Mch 20 1880
Received at 120 3 PM

To T A Edison

Have three seats front row what time do you arrive where shall we meet and dine

J C Reiff

Lepd
Hof

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T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., Mar 20 1880.

J C Reff
52 Broadway NY

Cannot come tonight
Edison

4 P.M.

Newark N. J. Mar. 20th 1880.
118 Market St.

Prof. Edison

Dear Sir,

You have no doubt received the copies sent you of the Temperance Herald, the Organ of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of New Jersey. The paper will be one year old the first of April, and while it has proved a success in so far as it has lived, and only sunk $2.00, yet the struggle has been great. We desire now to scatter the paper throughout the State, where we feel sure it will do good, but we

have no means to do this, and have resolved this spring to solicit help from the gentlemen interested in our cause. Any assistance you could render us would be most gratefully received.

Yours Most Respectfully.

Mrs J. A. Beecher.

J. C. REIFF,

No. 52 BROADWAY,

New York, Mch 20th 1882

Dear T.A.E

Sorry I have not the telegram that you wrote I could not come tonight as I had the best seats in the house.

Let me know what night you can come in — I am anxious to see you to learn what was done last Evng.* Will you be in Monday? If so telegraph me, otherwise I will come out.

Yours J. Reiff

* of course I purposely stayed away

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Montreal Can. 3/25 188 0

Received at

To Thos A Edison

Unable to see
you as per
appointment will
see you next
Wednesday.

C B Dorsey

1/2 paid
1/2 Rate on no
Fixed

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MANAGER & SECRETARY.
ARNOLD WHITE.

London March 24th 1880

My Dear Edison

I have now 4 series of 45 cells Each - Fuller = on my Lamps & yet I have not enough quantity to supply 2 lamps without causing a slight Variation in the 1st when the 2nd is put off and on. The Electro Motive force of 45 cells is not sufficient Either, I find it requires 50 = to bring them up to a superior Gas jet = I have therefore today ordered 20 additional cells to bring my 4 series' of 45 up to 4 of 50 = It costs like Hell but I expect Tyndall & Thomson soon and I am determined to do the thing pretty = I have two Elegant Bronze Knights on my Desk - one on either side of my writing Tablet = The Socket & Lamp are in harmony with the figures & make a really Elegant Combination = Then I have two Brackets on the Wall with handsome relief Photos hanging behind them =

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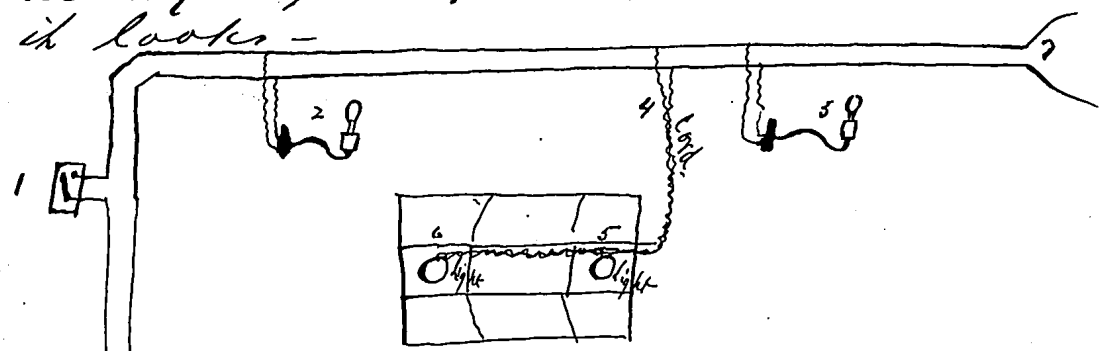
2

The effect of the E. L. Lamp which is very much admired =
My Circuit is neatly made on the Wall & Desk so as to be seen at a glance - The Multiple arc excites quite a good deal of interest.
I'll try & give you an Idea how it looks -




(Battery in Basement)

1 = Box to lock Main Ckt. out of reach of Boys - and to show Putting on & Shutting off of House lights - &c.
2 & 3. Wall Brackets
4. Cord - (7 Strand Copper) - with another Cord Tap.
5 & 6 Bronze Stirrups holding a staff with "Edison E. L. [redacted]" =
7. Main Cond^rs Ends exposed to show Open Ckt.

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London 18

3

My Desk is a handsome Double slope Mahogany - ~~Then~~ ~~Co~~ To the right on the wall - I have fixed a regular Telephone - a Loud Speaker (Cash Inv.) - and one of my Bell Tel Pattern Clockwork receivers - thus I can give Every sort of Telephone demonstration - Down Stairs I have a Crossley - a Blake, & an Edison Transmitter - On my wall I have the 3 Diagrams of the Carbon Principle - nicely framed = on a shelf I have the models made by you for me when in New York lately including the Paper Speaker (which by the by Talks Splendid.

I also have a Small Phonograph - on view =

My windows can be made absolutely dark = I have 2 good Gas fits =

I am thus particular in giving you the arrangement & contents of my office because I want you to know what it was that a couple of your

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London 18

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friends saw last night =
Mess MacDonald Genl manager
and Chinnery Chief Editor of the
London Times visited me by appointment
at 5 p.m. – to remain a few minutes:
White & I met them = Rose Brown &
a couple of others being stationed
where they could do the most good
Telephonically =
I had the day before mere mentioned
to MacDonald that I had the lights
in operation – He said "I'll come & see
them at once & bring our Editor if I may":
& they came = The heaviest guns
in all England –
Order of exercises – A. Explanation of Edisons
position in re. to scientists & fellow
investigators – in re to newspapers
& others visiting Laboratory – Point – of
any fault – one of two great opennesses
of character – not secluisive by nature
B. Description of works – Light Exhibit
machines Laboratory &c at menlo
C – Explanation of Lamp – carbon – Multiple
arc

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5 difference bet Incandescent & arc principles
in re. to maintenance of Ckt Continuity
= preservation uniform resistance &c.

D. Exhibit of Lamps in variety of Ways
– Exhilarating – & Convincing – Auditors
delighted = Comprehended point made
on Preece as to adjusting source of
supply in accordance with demand –
Remark. "Preece not an authority on
Electrical matters" =
Result of exhibit – all I could desire =

E. Exhibit of Telephone exchange (adjoining
rooms) Explanation P.O. contest –
Extracted unqualified opinion P.O.
people in Error in claiming Telephone
– or in attempting restrict its growth =

F. Exhibit Telephones in any room
– inclusive of – Various adjustments
Edisonian, Microphonic &c &c – Norwood
Wire – Induction &c &c – Soft. Loud
& Conversational – delighted =
G. Explained in One hours Lecture

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London 18

6 listened to with utmost attention occasionally interrupted by intelligent question. Microphone shown to be no magnifier of sound - but simply a sound - or Telephone - Transmitter - ie Edisons Telephone - Diagrams explained - In short whole subject made so clear as to elicit remark "Now I comprehend the Edison Hughes Preece controversy as I never did before. I am indeed gratified & obliged for this lucid explanation"

Preece heartily excoriated by me & shown to have applied for Patent for applying Micro to Telephony with Edisons Telephones in his possession -
Elicited justification of your course toward Preece - but expression of opinion that neither Hughes or Preece understood the principle of the microphone -
anecdote by McDonald -

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"I visited the P.O. lately & Preece showed me your Telephones at work on a wire upon which Telegraph Instts were at work, & which gave out a loud crackling sound - I could not understand a word & could scarcely hear anything but the noise - Then I was shown a Microphone Transmitter & Bell receiver which talked beautifully - the receiver being absolutely dead during cessation of conversation - (I subsequently found that this wire only ran into the basement) The differences of conditions were not explained to me - but I saw there was an extraordinary difference when the Instts were at rest - this excited my suspicions, but I said nothing as from having your Telephones in daily operation receiving our reports from Reuters I knew its capabilities - & I thought its best to allow Preece to play his part

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London, 18

8 to the end. I came away convinced in fact without the shadow of a doubt that an attempt had been deliberately made to deceive me. I mean to make use of the fact at the proper time. From what you have today shown me especially in re. to the Effect of Induction, I am now certain your Telephone was on a long wire or Cabled wire - & thus on a local Ckt" = Na! Na! nuts for us:
(White & I are going to send competent Experts to the P.O. & interview Preece in this same line & get additional testimony against him.)
Interview Opened at 5 P.M. Closed at 7 P.M. The London Times is more than Even Edisonian: It is now a partizan - a Satellite. So to speak:
I bargained in advance that no Mention should be made in the Paper of what they had seen & plained why re. The benefits will be felt rather than seen

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ARNOLD WHITE.

I in the extra back come the next
Edisonian Article will have —
Gouraud — didn't Even know of
the contemplated visit — He has
not yet spoken to me — & consequently
not seen the Lamps — such is the
price of Vanity.
What is your Opinion of my
1st use of your Lamps ? —

Nothing New Telephonically — the
New Contract is vibrating between
your Lawyers & the Company's
Bouverie is still Electioneering
Amalgamation is in Statu Quo —

I am rendering a bill against
Bergmann for cost of repairs
& overhauling bad work — It will
cost him like the Devil — I warned
him when in York so he can't
complain — my little Interest
there — may go to Hell before I'll be
taken advantage of.
Yours Ever E. H. J.

EDISON'S ELECTRIC PEN AND PRESS

Address
GEO. H. BLISS.
Genl Manager

76 Market Street. Chicago, Mch 16 1880.

Thos. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park. N.J.

Dear Sir;

What is the condition of my mith interest in Europe? How much money have you to my credit? How is the electric light progressing? Expect to send you a batch of PE from the mountains in May,

Respfly
Geo. H. Bliss

Haven't received a dam cent from Europe yet,

Blank No. 2.

# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. 3 NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated New York Mch 29 1880 7 0 50

Received at

To T A Edison
Menlo Park

What day after tomorrow
can I see you
at four o'clock

E B Dorsey

11 paid
by J.

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Newark March 31st 1888.

Mr T. A. Edison,

Dear Sir,

Your note with enclosed check for $15.00 just received. Accept my hearty thanks for the same. We hope to do much good with this seed you have sown.

May the Lord, who has so wonderfully endowed you with mental powers, bless you more and more,

Yours truly

Mrs J. A. Beecher.

m/

T B A Davis
No ans

Pittsburgh March 31st 1880

T. A. Edison Esq

My dear Sir -

I sent you a paper announcing the fact that I had to give up the Cor & Sell Management - It was getting on me too much - as soon as I get rested, I shall tackle something else -

my object in writing you is to say that you once spoke of the number of things you run across in your experimenting that would be good to develope, if as one reliable enough could be got hold of to develope them - If you have anything of that kind on hand now, bear me in mind - I will call on you even on my way to New York -

Yours Truly

W. A. Bond

PREMIUMS AWARDED
—FOR—
Photographic
PORTRAITS,
AT THE
American Institute Fairs
—OF—
1873, '74, '75.

THEODORE GUBELMAN,
Photographer,

79 NEWARK AVENUE & 304 HENDERSON STREET,

Jersey City, April 2th 1880

Mr. Thomas A. Edison

Dear Sir

Your reply at hand. Would greatly prefer to make a sitting myself at my gallery as it would be somewhat out of place to send a portrait to a worlds fair which was not my entire work and as I will be the only photographer from this State represented there I would very much like to have your portrait in my exhibit.

In case you should arrange it you may telegraph your coming and I will agree not to delay you over twenty minutes

I would further agree that no other use will be made of the portrait than designated

Yours Respectfully

Theo Gubelman

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

*Dated* New York 4/2 188 0
*Received at* 11 16a
*To* Thos A Edison

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Can I see you
if I come on
one o'clock train today

Rockwell Kent

12 DH
Hof

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*Dated* New York 4/3 188 5
*Received at* 2 3 PM
*To* Edison
Menlo Park

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Will be down this
afternoon with contract
payments will be
made monday

J. F. Wilber

12 DH
Hof

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Newport April 5 1880

Received at 10.20 PM

To Edison, Menlo Park

No regretfully
inuill
Via London (sig)
Tw. Paid (no sig)

Laval

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apl 6. 80

New Haven Conn 6
T. A. Edison

Just returned referring to yours
~~Twenty~~ Sixth ultimo Can make number
three at once Do it too late?
Better mail sample
C. E. Buell

21 NH ans to NH

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New York 6
T. A. Edison

Expect to be at Menlo Park
from five ~~thirty~~ to six thirty
today
E. M. Barton

12 paid

The New-York Associated Press:

DENVER AGENCY.

G. F. Bush
Novato

Denver, (Col.) Apl 10 1880

Friend Edison

My Telegram of this morning hardly conveyed what I wished to ask you, I do not understand that you propose dealing in "Rights" for your new process of working Tailings but on a royalty. If such is the case I should like to make some arrangement with your Co in regard to this section of the Country - I can send you Tailings from different localities where the supply is great if you should wish to make any experiments - or, I should be glad to give you any information in regard to this Country if wanted -

I have been living here Ever Since I left Cincinnati over Ten years ago where been

out of Telegraphic service since
last August - I was sorry you
did not run down this way when
you were out in this country
at time of Eclipse - I have
watched your progress & success
& it gives me great pleasure
to see the old timers meet with
that prosperity they so richly
deserve - I am now engaged
in mining & prospects are much
better than pegging at the key

Yours friend
B. F. Bush

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., 1880.

Geo. F. Barker

Please order for me from Sullivan & Cum from the start to 1875 inclusive

do you think they have etc and what will be the probable price

Order file

Sullivan IV. 1880

OK

DC

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., April 15 1880.

American Machinist
96 Fulton St
NY.

Have not received Le Van's report Prof Sweet has called attention to error in it

T A Edison
R

EW

Executive Office

# Western Union Telegraph Company

New York April 16th 1880

I placed polyform in hands of parties who have it now in my to as to aid my sig/

My dear Mr Edison of the awful amount of corrupt

I have any intimate friend

I have no interest in it

who has had a long experience in the drug business, understands it fully and practically and is well acquainted and endorsed with the prominent members of the trade, Especially in New England & Boston where he has been in business. He is now out of active employment and I write to enquire if you could not find his services valuable in connection with "Polyform", as he could attend to any branch of the business. If not otherwise disposed of, the New England Agency would be carefully managed in his hands. I hope you can let him take a part in the new enterprise and if there is the least possible chance to afford an opening

for him will let me know of it, for I am certain he would prove a most valuable man.

Yours sincerely

G.H.H. Kent

W. Wharton Esq
G.H.H. Kent
Capel 19/80

University of Penna
Philada Apr. 20. 1880

My dear Edison:—

Enclosed I send you a letter from Prof. Dana in reply to your letter to me asking me to order for you the complete set of the American Journal of Science. Please answer it.

I have not seen the Illustrated Scientific News to which you refer. But I have too much to do to undertake a newspaper controversy. I was somewhat inclined to reply to Pope's note, but didn't. Mayer & Morton's paper was not so bad after all in its experimental part; but its conclusions were absurd. Morton's paper in the Sanitary Engineer is bad enough.

Cordially yours
George F. Barker.

[ENCLOSURE]

Office of The American Journal of Science and Arts,

JAMES D. & E. S. DANA, PROPRIETORS,

file Books

New Haven, Ct., April 16 1880

My dear Prof. Barker:

We can furnish Mr Edison with the full set desired. — For the 1st series the charge unbound is $2.00 a volume: & for the rest $1.60. We have a bound set of the first series — quite handsomely bound in turkey Morocco, & about as good as new & which will cost him only 40 cents additional per volume. If he would like to see a sample, we would send on a volume.

Very truly yours
James D. Dana

[FROM ELLEN ADAMS]

Newark Apl 21

Mr Carman

I would off
liked to have know if the
papers went all right.
I sent them in Mr Edison
Name thinking they would
go quicker & safer & I
have never heard anything
since about them
I will send the
Note Bigger also
Mrs Adams

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

No1

Dated Menlo Park April 21 1880

Received at

To Thos A Edison
Menlo Park

Will you be at home tomorrow noon?
J. B. A. David
At Dennis Hotel
10 DH.
EV.

cc & if 10 2 pm.

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated New York Apl 22" 1880

Received at

To Prof Edison
Menlo Park NJ

Prof Mallett of Canton City Col desires me to ask Prof Edison if he will be at Menlo Park on friday. answer paid

Charles Latimer
District Telegraph
Station 31 NY

21 paid
CCD

6 24 W

I do not think I will be here I shall be called to a Camp out

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Gr. of Gt. Utica N.Y. Sept 22, 80
Photo
J. J. Flanagan
Pres. Utica Ins. Co.

OFFICE OF THE Utica Morning Herald and Gazette,

Utica, N. Y., April 22 1880.

Dear Tom

The call for the Reunion of Old Times set me thinking and latching it I rattled off that screed in the Herald that I send you today. Hope you will go to the reunion.

I write particularly today to ask if you will exchange photos with me. If so send me one and I'll reciprocate. Want your "fist" on back for old times sake. If you permit it I hope to drop in and

see you at Menlo Park some time. I'm a night owl and will sit up to hear your organ.

Miss Clarke of the depot has one of your chop photos but it was cracked in coming up. Regards to your babies. I'm fat, 40, weigh 273 and still virtuous as all bachelors should be. Am proud of your success and hope you will get at the head of the heap before "30" is given you.

With best wishes for you and yours I am.

Your Old Friend
Jack J. Flanagan

BREVOORT HOUSE,

Fifth Avenue, near Washington Square,

New York, Mch 23 1881

Dear Mr Edison

I think of coming on Tuesday next with a friend or two. If not agreeable on that day please let me know

Yours Sincerely

Albert Bierstadt

Mr Edison

All right will be pleased to see you

Apl 26. 80

A. V. Downer
Mgr N.Y.

Please loop wires 7 & 8
when done please notify N.P.
at N.Y. & Phila. Dolan
will understand

Edison

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Nr NY 28 Apl 28, 80
12 30

Thos A Edison

Mr Lowry cannot go
today Porter Lowry & S

Collect
Hol

Ask Kruesi' Geo E Hodge a May 18 '80

New York City.
aboard May. 10, 1880

Thomas A. Edison Esqr
Dear Sir:

I desire to word of you confidentially.

I learn from Mr. August Webber, that he acted for you in some capacity when your works were in Newark. In an about taking an interest together I have known him only during the past year. I have found him a quiet & first class workman. Superior. Can you recommend him for thoroughness in every way as to good habits, honesty. & can you recommend him for ability so you know some of him than your experience.

I would wish this
enquiry in confidence
Yours truly
Geo E. Hodge

NY May 17/10

L.A.E.

I need that letter at once.

Have you sent it?

JCR

[POSTMARK: MAY 19, 1880]

I mailed to you my Liberty Hymn
please let me know, if you
received it —
Marquette — Michigan — P. Office
very truly
your admirer
Ed Ahmeny

Spring Valley Mining & Irrigating Company.
Location of Mine, Cherokee Butte Co.

Richd Alley, President
Louis Glass, Secy.

Cherokee, May 22 1880.

Thomas A. Edison Esqr.

The Major brought me, with your compliments on his return from the East — a pair of sounding Telephones, a Phonograph and a photograph of yourself endorsed to me by your personal hand, in which you were pleased to express your friendship!

I want to express to you my appreciation of your remembrance, and I trust you will not consider me effusive, when I say, that I prize the latter gift most highly and hope to treasure it as a souvenir when your fame shall have increased a hundred fold.

I expect to see you in Cal. next month, and to have the pleasure of forming your personal acquaintance, and I want to ask in advance, that you will spend a portion of the time during your visit with me in Cherokee

I send by express a small package containing a specimen of gold and a Cal. Diamond, which I beg you to accept as a token of my esteem

They are both the product of Cherokee and the Diamond, although of little intrinsic worth is valuable by reason of its extreme rarity in this country and I suppose in North America — you will see by the crystallization the presence of pure Carbon and will find it materially harder than the Cape stones

The Darkeys of my native state have a deep rooted superstition, that an uncut gem is a talisman against evil or misfortune, and that it brings to its happy possessor good-luck, and success in all his ventures —

So I advise you to keep it in its present state and hopeth may realize for you all its mythical good fortune

With kind regards

I am very respy Yours.

Louis Glass —

Cherokee Cal. Mining
Dahlonega
Ga

written to: Mr. Gould Lawson JEHL
314 Livingston Street
Brooklyn,
N.Y. May 27 1880

Dear Sir

I have received the book containing the description of Richards pump and am very much obliged for it.

I am sorry to say that I could not come on Wednesday or Thursday as I was to busy.

My intention was to go but Mr Edison wanted an experiment finished which prevented me from going. I shall however bring some lamps over some other time.

Yours Truly
Francis Jehl

G. M. G. Lawson

Utica May 30

Dear Tom

Thanks for your photo. It looks like old times and I shall value it highly. Hope to see you some day Truly Yours

J. J. Donovan

Western Electric Manufacturing Company, of Chicago,

Electro-Medical Department, Eastern Supply Depot,

DR. T. CLELAND, AGENT.

38 Union Square
~~267 BROADWAY,~~ NEW YORK, June 7th 1880

T. A. Edison, Esq.,
Menlo Park.
N. J.

Dear Sir: I have not yet learned regarding the Duplicating Ink.

When you were in the office a month or two ago you spoke of sending a man over to make some for us. If you cannot furnish us the formula, and if not convenient for you to let your man come over here why not make us up two or three gallons over at the park?

Come in and see our new office when you are over. You'll like it.

Has Mac got back yet?

Let me know about the Ink soon and

Greatly oblige

Yours truly T. Cleland

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., June 14th 1880.

Mr. Stephenson
Brevoort House
New York

All right - come -
Edison

D.H.

Rec'd

LAW OFFICES OF J. KEARNY RICE,

No. 3 Masonic Hall,

New Brunswick, N. J., June 14 1889.

Thos. L. Elmer Esq

Dear Sir.

My client requests me to say, that the Defendant has $75 to costs, as he intends to appeal he must have a freeholder on the appeal Bond which amount of the Bond in the final Decree will be $150 — twice the amount of the Defendant's costs.

He must file

her Bond election has
been given today —

[signature]

Philip Arthur
vs
Matthew Hamilton
Before Charles A. Ford, Esq.
Justice of the Peace

Filed
Feb 25
1880

Henry Rice
June 14, 1880

FOR OFFICE OF TENNESSEE RIVER

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., June 15 1880.

J K Rice
Masonic Hall
New Brunswick
N.J.

Send blank appeal bond in Hankins case for signature

T A Edison

J. H.

Sent

Patentees and Sole Manufacturers of the
Silver-White Aluminium-Nickel
(Alu-ni) Plating Solution.
NO ROYALTY.
*Beware of Imitations* which may be offered by so called agents. We ship direct and guarantee against infringement.
MANUFACTURERS OF
Metallic Aluminium,
Aluminium Alloys,
Nickel and its Salts, Etc.
Solutions and Salts for Plating
Nickel, Cobalt, Copper, Iron, Tin, Bronze, Brass, Aluminium, Platinum, Silver and Gold made to order.
QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE ASSAYS WILL BE PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.
WM. FRISHMUTH, } CHEMISTS.
H. B. VAN TRONK, }

# PENNSYLVANIA NICKEL & ALUMINIUM WORKS,

Cor. Rush and Amber Streets,

Philadelphia, Pa., June 18th 1880.

Dear Sir!

Will you have the kindness and inform us by return mail, when & where we or one of us can have an interview with you in reference of a very important matter to your & our interest please what day and our Chemist Col. W. Frishmuth will call & see you

We remain
very Respectfully,
Frishmuth & Van Tronk

Wrote here June 19
Could find you here
any time

OK

FACTORY { BERLIN. 12 & 13 Closwall St.

OFFICES { PARIS. 22 Rue Richer. LONDON. 24 Old Change, E.C.

Benjamin & Caspary,
Importers of Cloaks, Suits &c.
341 Broadway,
New York, June 21 1881

Thos A Edison Esq
Menlo Park NJ

Dear Sir

We have the following inquiry from Berlin, Prussia:

"What is the name of the company "in New York, connected with "the sale of Edisons inventions "& patents?

"And has this Co agents or "representatives in Europe, respectively "where?"

May we trouble you with the request to give us the desired information in order to report the same to our correspondents? Your kind reply will greatly oblige

Yours very Resp

Benjamin Caspary

Edison Telephone Co of Europe Limited on matters relating to telephones
Edison E Light Co of Europe Limited relating to E light
other inventions, Edison henceforth

43a.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
New York.

# Western Union Telegraph Company,

NORVIN GREEN, President.
A. R. BREWER, Sec'y.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

DICTATED.

Phila. June 24, 1880.

T. A. Edison, Esq.,
Menlo Park, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Yours of June 16th rec'd. I have been very busy for a few days past, and will be for the next few days, after which I will take up the matter referred to in your letter.

Yours truly,
[illegible]
Supt.

OFFICE OF

J. S. SLONAKER,

DEALER IN FRESH AND SALTED MEATS,

Lake Linden, Mich., 6/29 1880.

Thos. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

Do this assignment or is it some artful dodge to catch the unwary? I am a terrible sufferer with Rheumatism & Neuralgia and would be willing to pay almost anything to effect a cure and you would confer a favor by replying to this and give your idea of your pay form and if you can send me any catalogue setting forth its merits I would like it

Yours Truly
A. C. Sueto
C/o J. S. Slonaker

The medicine is improperly advertised to cure Rheumatism but it will relieve facial neuralgia —

[ENCLOSURE]

EDISON'S

POLYFORM

Is the result of a long series of experiments by the distinguished inventor, upon himself and others, to relieve the terrible suffering of neuralgic pains. Under his name and guarantee it is offered to the public, with the assurance that it will relieve the excruciating pains of

*Rheumatism,*

*Neuralgia,*

*Headaches.*

No higher testimony could be adduced than the certificate of Prof. Edison, who authorizes the publication of the following:

MENLO PARK, N. J.

I certify that the preparation known as EDISON'S POLYFORM is made according to formula devised and used by myself. THOMAS A. EDISON.

Sufferers who have despaired of ever being relieved and cured of these distressing complaints will find a certain relief by using

EDISON'S POLYFORM.

PREPARED BY

MENLO PARK MANUFACTURING CO.,

NEW YORK.

SOLD BY APOTHECARIES AND DRUGGISTS.

THE

2430 Redner Street,
Philadelphia, Pa., July 10, 1880.

Thomas A. Edison, Esq.,
Menlo Park, N. J.

Dear Sir:— You will please be kind enough to excuse the liberty I take in addressing you, but trust a perusal of this ~~note~~ may form sufficient apology. My husband, W. A. Engarde, a journalist known to you in former years while you were acting as telegraph operator, (and who while connected with New Brunswick, Elizabeth, (N. J.) New York, Boston, Cincinnati and Chicago papers, has made favorable and pleasant mention of your inventions, and personal interest) has requested me to address you. Mr. Engarde is suffering with acute rheumatism, and his affliction, and consequent non-employment, having placed us in very depressed circumstances, — we are ~~without~~ any resources whatever, and have five little children dependent upon us, — he has thought you might be sufficiently charitably disposed to extend us some slight pecuniary aid. The smallest

favor will be thankfully accepted. I
Lord will bless you and yours
for any kindness bestowed, and
I can assure you that, when
Mr. Engarde has resumed
his journalistic duties, any
favor extended will be duly re-
membered and amply recipro-
cated. Trusting to your favora-
ble and early consideration, I
remain,

Very Truly, Yours,
Mrs. Mary C. Engarde.

Please forward to
Mrs. Mary C. Engarde
Boise

Geo F Barker
recd
wrote Prof Pickering
July 17 80

University of Penna.
Phila. July 14. 1880

My dear Edison:—

I have received a letter from Professor Pickering, Director of the Harvard College Observatory saying that the American Association will spend the evening of Aug. 26th there and asking whether you would take an interest in lighting up their grounds with your electric light. I wrote him that I thought three or four arc lights would do better for outdoor illumination than your lights. I told him however that I would write you on the matter. Please address him directly if you have anything to say.

I hope you will be able to go to the Boston meeting. I will not ask you to present any paper but I would like to have you

take one of those little magnetos that I saw the other day and run a few lamps from it. The meetings will be held in the Mass. Inst. Technology and they have plenty of steam power right in the building. So you could do that without any extra trouble.

Frank Thomson was very much pleased with his visit. He says he would widen your track if he were you to the regular steam track width; and he would lower the track straight too.

I leave this morning with my family by the outside line to Boston. I shall get them fixed down there somewhere & then come back here for a while. The weather is hot & I need a long rest this part of the season.

Cordially yours

George H. Barrett

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

*Dated* 6 188 0

*Received at* 5 July 15

*To* Edison

Menlo Park N.J.

Can I acquire your Bolyform rights for this country if so write terms

M. Moore
Glasgow

20 Glasgow ~~Sto~~ + Ke
105 pm

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

WESTERN ELECTRIC MANUFACTURING CO.
62-68 NEW CHURCH STREET,
NEW YORK.
CHICAGO,
220-232 KINZIE STREET.

July 16, 1880

Sir:

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Segredor was severely injured by jumping from a train in Newark. He has carried to St. Michael's Hospital where he now lies.

He had been out of work for a month, and was going to Newark in search of it. Being unaware that the D. L. & W. R.R. made but one stop in Newark he allowed himself to be carried past the station, and it was in attempting to get off that the accident occurred.

Mr. Segredor having no friends and my means being limited

WESTERN ELECTRIC MANUFACTURING CO.
62-68 NEW CHURCH STREET,
NEW YORK.
CHICAGO,
220-232 KINZIE STREET.

I have at his request written this note to you.

Yours truly
John F. Kelly

Mr. T. A. Edison,
Menlo Park, N.J.

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., July 17 1880.

John W Lawson
Boulder
Colorado

Make no statement - that you represent me or have any relations with me or I shall stop your proceedings through the newspapers there

Yrs T A Edison.

2.

July 22nd 1880

1115

Seabright N.J. 22

Edison Menlo Park.

Nothing yet from you regarding Banker's time presses can you send immediately to Manitou Competent Engineer to examine water power and report requirements for immediately opening Manitou road by Electric system either water or steam - I will provide all expense reply here Little unwell to-day

Gouraud

45 Paid

Sb 61

(over)

G. E. Gourand July 22/80

You spring the scheme on me too suddenly requires ~~to~~ ten or fifteen days to get a man — Banker is generally at his office days

T A Edison

Collect

N.Y. July 23/80

T. A. Edison Esqr. Dear Sir, In aid of the cause of science and art, would you permit me to Photograph an illustration of your Electric Locomotion works?, would be pleased to take larger pictures than those done for the Graphic of your works at the time two years ago, and possess you nice specimens for your sanctum

Respectfully

J. T. Holmes
234 Broadway
N.Y.

Write Moore that I would not
for the world have Poly Form be brought out here
I detest the annoyance
due to Reporters &c & the fact of my
Consequent rush of Correspondence & demands for it.
& I am sorry I ever did it & I assure you.

Mentone, July 24 1880

T. A. Edison Esq
Compensation = Bonuses &c paid he wired
allowed to your Cable of Wednesday
Reply Paid.

W. B. BIGGING & CO.
UNITED STATES SECURITIES.

Dear Sir.

On my return here it occurred to me that your Poly Form could be introduced into this country with success, as Neuralgia is a very prevalent affliction in England & especially in Scotland.

I sent in a cable asking on what terms I could acquire the right of it for Great Britain & Ireland

Mentone July 27 80

W. Moore Esq

I am not a angry so

If you are in a position to send me the formula & let me have an exclusive right to it, I would be willing to take it up & by expending a fair sum of money in advertising & agencies I do no doubt but that a very large demand could be created for it. I would bear all the expenses for retaining such a share in its profits as we might arrange between us.

I hope all things are going on well at Menlo

and the Electric Railway doing its trade of 1. in 7. & the lights still burning.

We enlightened our Scotch public a good deal about you during since my return.

We feel a little sore down here on some points connected with the Telephone but these are matters in which you individually had no hand & no blame attaches to you

We a letter to day from Osborne. He sails in the Arizona 21. Aug.

You have a good & true man in him, & can trust him.

Kind regards to Mrs Bachelor,

Yours very truly

W. Mulloy

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., July 26 1880.

Received from T A Edison
through Wm Carman twelve
shares of Edison Telephone
Co (of Europe) stock

Ellen Adams

Newark July 22th
110 Bloomfield

Mr Carman
I recieved your
note & the twelve Shares
all right & also if you
would obligde me by sending
25 dollars besides my
Telephone royalty that
will be a great obligement
to me at this time as I
am short of Money just
now

Ellen Adams

July 29

Oriental Hotel
Manhattan Beach L.I. 29

~~T A Edison~~
Col Gouraud
Care Henry Hyde Equitable Life Ins Co

Banker says Will be at Meekers office Friday and Monday but rest of week here at Oriental Hotel Manhattan Beach. ~~Come and spend Sunday~~ here bring your wife and daughter answer

James H Banker

Edison

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Oriental Hotel Manhattan Beach L I 1880 30

Received at

To T A Edison

Have no ansr to my telegram of yesty come with your wife and daughter to Oriental Hotel Saty afternoon & spend Sunday answer immy so I can secure you a room

J H Banker

31 5 ~~A Bm~~ 6 10 p

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., (July 30) 1880.

J H Bunker
Oriental Hotel
Manhattan Beach

Cofe will not come to
Lunch be down Saturday
afternoon

T A Edison

OFFICE OF

# Eureka Lake & Yuba Canal Co., Consolidated.

No. 65 PINE STREET,

New York, August 2nd 1880

All right any time

Thomas A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir: On my return from a little vacation I found your esteemed favor of July 21st, and as unfavorable as the result of your investigation seems to have been, I would like anyhow in the interest of the Company which I have the honor to represent, to ask the favor of calling upon you any day and hour which may suit your convenience between this and the 12th instant, in order to ascertain if some opening may not be found which may lead to our mutual benefit -

Soliciting your kind answer
I remain Sir
Yours Very Truly
H Woodhead
Pres't

Blank No. 1.

**THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.**



Dated Boston Mass Aug 4 1880

Received at M.H. Menlo Park.

To Thomas Edison

Your scheme is
received we will
see [illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] J. A. Mackenzie



Blank No. 1.

**THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.**



Dated Brooklyn NY Aug 5th 1880

Received at Menlo Park

To Mr Edison

Powers of Italy desires
to see you on business
tomorrow - please answer
payable here.

Longworth Powers
560 Livingston.

17/paid
12.30 Am.

all right
E

MEMORANDUM.

38 Union Square

NEW YORK, Aug. 5th 1880

M. A. Edison, Esq.

Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir: Why don't you give me some information about that Lubricating stuff? Or don't you care a d— whether we sell it or not? I'm having continual calls for it and I call only promise — Now do something quick. Either give me the formula, or send a man here to make up a lot for me, or make me up five or six gals. there or say out and out you don't care to have more of it sold. — Yours truly

Yours truly T. Allard

Western Electric Manufacturing Company, of Chicago,

Electro-Medical Department, Eastern Supply Depot,

DR. T. CLELAND, AGENT.

38 Union Square
~~267 BROADWAY~~, NEW YORK, Aug. 7th 1880

T. A. Edison, Esq.,
Menlo Park,
N.J.

Dear Sir: Your favor of the 5th is at hand and contents noted.

I understand fully that Bliss never paid you for the ink he had of you, but that is not the point. I don't care for Bliss or the Western Electric in the matter. I want to know what you will make me two - five or ten gallons for and put it in jugs so I can bottle and label it myself. I want some of the ink in order to supply my customers and I either want you to make it or let me make it, that's all. It has nothing to do with Bliss or the Western Electric.

Please favor me with an answer immediately and oblige

Yours T. Cleland.

P.S. If you will make it for me how soon can you furnish some?

Nantucket Neb. Aug 7, 1880

Editor Scribner's
"World's Work" Department,

Dear Sir:

Will you be kind enough to inform me, if you can, where the new metal spoken of in your department as 'Spinkeis metal' in July, No., can be obtained? By doing so you will confer a favor.

Yours Truly
Edwin L. Childs

Johnson N.Y.

Office of

# Novelty Rubber Company,

New Brunswick, N. J.

Salesroom, 43 Lispenard Street, New York.

Dr. T. A. Edison

Aug 9-1880

Dear Sir.

Some time ago when I was at your place I was told that I could borrow a couple of your telephones for our own use - similar to the ones you loaned our President Mr. Meyer. Now I would like to run a private wire from the factory up to my house - and a branch at Mr Hughes house - provided I can borrow the three telephones from you. One to be here one at Mr H's house and one at my. Don't feel like lending us three then forgotten one at Mr H's house. I have also been trying for some weeks to buy one bar R. R. iron about 30 lbs to the yard (but can't buy less than a car load) which I want for an experiment. I understand you are using such rails. If you can spare one for us will you sell it? and if you will please send it thru by P.R.R. Mr Hughes wants or wanted like to have Mr Krusi send us the address of the boiler maker who made some wrought iron flanges for you - as we are now in need of some the flanges and they are a trouble to make. He gave Mr Hugh the address but he has lost it. Hoping that I am not taxing your time or good nature too much

I am so very respectfully yours

D. L. Williamson Supt

N. R. Co.

Office of The American Journal of Science and Arts,

JAMES D. & E. S. DANA, PROPRIETORS.

New Haven, Ct., Aug. 11th 1880

Dear Sir -

We are sorry to hear of the deficiency in the 1st Series - Our agent who packed the volumes was directed to go over the sets & see that all the volumes were there, he evidently failed to do his duty. If we do not find the volume to-morrow we will send you another copy unbound which your binder can easily make uniform with the rest - we will make good the difference in cost of binding. Regretting the trouble you have had -

Truly yours

J. D. & E. S. Dana

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

E M Fox
Aug 13

# Albemarle Fertilizer Company,

**83 CEDAR STREET,**

ALBERT SPEYERS, President. EDWIN M. FOX, Secretary. FRANCIS W. JACOBS, Treasurer.

Personal

New York, Aug 11 1880

My dear Edison;

The Albemarle Co. having a wonderful success. Boat load (230 tons @ $10 per ton) after boat load is being ordered and it certainly looks as though there were fortunes in it. I haven't as yet got any word from you as to how it panned out under your scientific eye. Won't you please let me know by return mail what you think of it, scientifically and practically as a business undertaking? I propose to be guided by your opinion.

How is the Motor getting

along? Have you organized the Company yet? You won't forget the promise you made me about the Motor? with Fertilizer Electric light and all the et cetera boming things are beginning to look lively. If you think well of Albemarle I will let you have some of the stock and carry it for you also guaranteeing you against loss in return for your manifold favors to me.

Let me hear from you

Truly Edward M. Fox

Blank No. 1.

# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



Dated Newport Aug. 12th 1880

Received at Menlo Park

To T. A. Edison

Do not expect me till Saturday have written you why

S. B. Eaton

Paid

MM US

5.15 PM

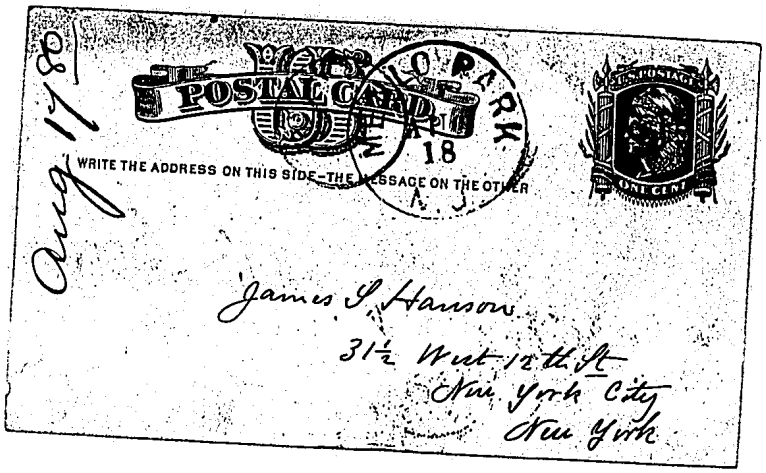
READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

M-Park Aug 17, 88

All right Come any time
Present this Card at
the Office here —

Edison

— 9 —




Aug 17 80

James S. Hanson
31½ West 12th St
New York City
New York

Office of

# Novelty Rubber Company,

*New Brunswick, N. J.*

**Salesroom, 43 Lispenard Street, New York.**

Aug 19 1882

Dr T. A. Edison

Dear Sir

Yours came to hand some days ago I regret the fact about telephone exceedingly. The 16 lb rail will be too light I find and have secured a 30 lb rail from the P. R. R.

Yours respectfully

D. D. Williamson Supt

C. T. R. Co

Prof. G. F. Barker
Aug 23 '80

American Association for the Advancement of Science.

OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY,

F. W. PUTNAM, Permanent Secretary,
Office, Bank Building, Central St.

~~Salem~~, Mass., Amesquam Aug. 21 1880

My dear Edison:-

I examined the facilities for power at the Mass. Inst. Technology the other day when I was in Boston. They have a steam engine there which will be running and from which you can have any power up to ten horse. Will you not therefore make arrangements to come on to the meeting and bring that small machine of yours and run a dozen or 20 lamps with it? The large hall of the Institute where the meetings are held

is directly above the engine room two stories. So that there will be a fine chance to run wires up & light up that hall. Professor Ordway wondered if you could not bring on two machines so as to show transmission of power by electricity. I will not ask you to read any papers this time but I am quite anxious to have you come to the meeting because I think you will have a good time & your presence will help the meeting. Moreover, Bachelor & Upton will then come too & guess. As I have heard nothing from Griffin I infer there is no electric light stock to be had.

Cordially yours

George F. Barker.

J. C. REIFF.

No. 52 BROADWAY,

New York, Aug 28th 1880

My dear Edison

I send you herewith sample of a Compound metal –

Please give it a careful test for conductivity that we know result – ~~Please~~

If you can test it for tensile strength, please take it –

Have you read the printed testimony I sent you?

EHJ is due here by Arizona anytime after noon tomorrow.

I see Puskas & Saporta, want to try every patent offered for Europe!

Yrs J C Reiff

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 31 1880.

T A Edison

Shall you be at home this afternoon if so will visit you

Yrs S. B Eaton
346 Bdway
NY.

Answered yes
T. A. E.

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated New York 31 188 0

Received at

To T A Edison
M Park

Have received no ans. to telegram consequently will not visit you today shall you be at home tomorrow

S B Eaton

18 paid Rx 1 25 pm

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

I cannot tell you yet
when the Axe will
be tried — but I will
send you word in time.
Mrs Dunnewick
Sept 8th 1880 —

A. K. Roe

Mrs. Dunnewick

If we should get the original steel plate also or a duplicate electrotype
Bunday Street
New York Sept 3d 1880

Mr Thos A. Edison -
Menlo Park
Dr sir
I have been lately a steel plate portrait of yourself - would you be willing to have it used in the "American Portrait Gallery" with a biographical sketch - It would be no expense to you - If the steel plate could not be spared for the purpose, a duplicate electrotype could be made at a small expense; Hoping to hear favorably from you I am Yours Truly J. C. Buttre

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Brunswick Sept. 6

Dear Mr. Edison

I expect to be back at work next Thursday morning. Mrs. Upton has had a very hard week but is now showing signs of improvement. I want to stay until there can be no doubt as to her recovery.

Yours Truly
Francis R. Upton

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N.Y. Sept 6/80

T.A.
Have you had the piece of metal tested yet for conductivity?
Tell F.W. ~~told me~~ when he is coming in?
Yours
J.P.R.

Sept 9. 80

1 35 Pm

Edison
Menlo Park

Perfectly preserved little water from all tasted slightly alcoholic flavour as if fermented try everything my expense

Gouraud

20 London

CABLE ADDRESS.
"GOURAUD, LONDON."

6, Lombard Street, E.C.
London 11th Sept 1880

Thos A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park
New Jersey

My Dear Edison

Vacuum Preserving. After opening the fruit I cable you as follows:—
"Perfectly preserved little water
"from all tastes slightly alcoholic
"flavour as if fermented. By
"weighing my expense"
which leaves but little to add except that the result of the experiment so far apparently conclusively shows there is something in it.

What explains the fermentation you will know better than I. I am particularly anxious that you should send me some fish and meat say some grouse & praire Chicken some with the feathers on and others with them off

I want this thing followed up and am game to spend $1000. Let somebody at it without delay. This I should think could be done without interfering with the greater work going on. At least enough has been accomplished to show the desirability of patenting the process which indeed I think you had already decided to do before I left.

I have kept one peach marked the 9th August which has about four drops of water in the bottom which I think is owing to the shaking about it has received in consequence of its being rather loose in the glass. This has been the case with all the fruit which probably explains the water. Try packing some in Cotton Batting

I have been on shore too little time to learn anything of official interest to report except that Stubbard has apparently been unable to bring matters to a conclusion till my return. Telephone business here looks all right except the difficulty of getting a good [illegible]

Thomas Edison
Menlo Park
Aug 12 1880
Report

Gold & Stock Telegraph Company,
Western Union Building,

P.O. Box 4195.

George B. Prescott,
Vice President

New York, Sept 10th 1880

Friend Edison,

Miss Mimi Pfarrius of Cologne Germany, daughter of Professor Pfarrius, is desirous of obtaining your autograph to place in a collection of celebrities which she has made. If you will kindly write it, or a note signed by you, I will forward it to her and thereby confer a favor which she will greatly appreciate.

Yours very truly
Geo. B. Prescott

Written
J. H. Card
Wm Mary

Road not be running until after Sept 1st
Light Gilbert
Kleiner metal (good conductor) Edison it is an alloy, but I should like notwithstanding that to know how it tests for conductivity. Especially whether it is infusible or not
When will the Road Engine be running again.
T. A. Reiff

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., Sept-13 1880.

Myers & Wilbur
519 7th st
Washington

William will meet Col
Worthy on Wednesday
T A Edison.

Sept 13. 80
12 45 —

N 413.
T. A. Edison.

Will go to Menlo tomorrow
to see you

S B Eaton

8 paid
Kl.

2 Baxter 13
T A Edison
Left word to
Menlo very uncertain nor
this week sure

Geo Goodyear

10 KCH

EXECUTIVE OFFICES.

W. C. M. 107

Albemarle Fertilizer Company,

53 CEDAR STREET,

ALBERT SPEYERS, President. EDWIN M. FOX, Secretary. FRANCIS W. JACOBS, Treasurer.

file New York, Sept 13 1880

My dear Edison;

Can I prevail on you to let the "light of the future" shine apace long enough for you to give a few minutes thought to "Albemarle"? Your opinion as a scientist will guide me to the expenditure of thousands of dollars.

I haven't as yet heard a word from Dr Moses, your chemist who promised in his spare moment to give me his analysis of the fertilizer. The stock of the Co. has recently become very

thing and the Corporation is becoming closer and closer. The material is selling like "hot cakes" and the farmers and horticulturalists are getting wild over it.

Next week the Board of directors will probably put up the price of the Treasury stock to double the present figures. If you want to make a few thousand, I'll reserve some for you and guarantee you against loss. Being on the inside, I know it is a bonanza.

Please let me hear from you. Yours to the Motto

Truly

Edgar Fr

Sept (Sept 14, 1880)

Dear Sir I have written you the enclosed officially. I enclose the label for the box of models.

I showed very much like a working electric Pen - now I have the Original - & please do not forget two working Telephones.

Looking forward to seeing you again.

I am
Very faithfully yours

F. Stuart Worley

m. NY Sept 14 80
H Stuart Worthley
Morris

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. 5 NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated New York 15 188

Received at

To Dr Edison

Menlo Park

My wife and self
Coming thru train
as Wilber arranged

Colonel Stuart
courtesy

10 paid Ki

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

M

Boston Sept 15, 1880
Col C H Lewis
Yo ans

Boston. Sept. 15. 1880

Friend Edison

Dear Sir.

Boston celebrates its 250 anniversary meeting of this week = I am stopping at Hotel Wellesley fifteen miles from Boston owned by the executive Baker. formerly of the firm Grover & Baker. Sewing machines manufacturers. – This morning in Dr's eating my breakfast he came to my table and invited me to come his institution to for which I enclose – his farm has cost a million dollars and is a great sight. for

Mr Smith has crazy by his letter. but he is immensely wealthy and seems bound for Omaha and has place I hope for me come and stay a few days bring your family If you conclude to come telegraph me and I will be at the depot to meet you. I have but a minute to write before taking my train so excuse brevity and haste

The Governor of the State of Mass and many dignitaries are to be at this fair for one day I think you would enjoy it also Mrs Edison

Respectfully Yours

Chas A Lewis

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., (Sept. 15) 1880.

Col Stuart Worthey
Earles Hotel
NY

~~[illegible]~~ Come over ~~monday~~
any time will talk over the
matter

Edison

9

Earle's Hotel
Sept 19.

My dear Sir.

I rec'd your telegram just after posting my letter.
I will come by the 3 p.m. train tomorrow. then I shall hope to find you disengaged.

Very faithfully yours
Stuart Worthey

Earle's Hotel
Sept 21.

My dear Sir.

Bergman cannot get there ready. Will you therefore kindly get Mr Edison to sign a letter to the London agents who will give them us there.

I hope the phonograph has been sent off. I leave early on Saturday.

Faithfully yours
H. Hunter Tootley.

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., 1880.

S. Bergmann, Esq
106 Wooster St.
New York.

Dear Sir:

Oblige me by letting Colonel Stuart Wortley have two motographic telephones of the finest pattern and style of ornementation.

Truly yours.
Thos A Edison.

PS. He desires them for exhibition at the South Kensington Museum London

N.Y. Sept 21 '81

H Stuart Worthy

No ans

Earle's Hotel
Sept 22

My dear Sir

Many thanks for your letter — will you kindly send me a letter of introduction to Colonel Gorow, I should like him to come & see the Museum & its present lights. Please send it by return post as I leave Saturday early.

Very sincerely yours
H Hubbard Smith

Grf ans thus

Friend Hyatt

J.W. HYATT.
177 COMMERCE ST.
NEWARK, N.J.

Sept 22 80

We very sorry but we must work so can get time to play
you are out of the woods I aint
Friend Celluloid
many thanks

We (the Celluloid's) intend taking a day of recreation, Tuesday or Wednesday next. We have engaged the "Cyclops" a first class ocean tug, for the purpose, & will probably go up the Hudson, or on the Sound.

We shall number, with our friends, from 50 to 100, and we should be particularly glad to have you go with us.

"All work & no play or"

Please favor me with a reply. Will let you know time and place of starting from Newark, & can meet you at a N.Y. pier

Very truly yours
J.W. Hyatt

Hancock and English.

# New Jersey Democratic State Central Committee.

ROOMS 7, 8 AND 9, HOTEL HUDSON

P. O. BOX A.

Senator JOHN R. McPHERSON, Chairman.
R. F. STEVENS, Secretary.

Jersey City, N. J., Sept 22 1880.

Write Thos A Edison Esq
thank him for his trouble

My Dear Sir

Yours of the 20th instt was rec'd this morning. In reply I beg leave to say that I am not certain any copies can be obtained until the new pass certificate recently ordered is printed. I have written honorable Clarence King, Director with the request that copies be forwarded to you instantly. In case it is not done, I will see to it personally on my first visit to Washington.

With great Regards

D McPherson

[illegible], Sept 25th 80.

Dear Sir,

Our little affair has been arranged for Wednesday the 29th inst – via the 7.35 AM. train from Broad St – & boat "Robt. Robinson" at ferry slip Jersey City which is chartered to take us to the "Cold Spring House", Cold Spring Harbor L. I. where dinner &c will be eagerly awaiting us – Should the weather appear too threatening a vote will be taken at the Broad St Station before starting. You are at liberty to bring a friend along

Yours &c

Orlando Greene } Committee of Arrangements
O. B. Edson

To Prof. T. A. Edison
Menlo Park
N. J.

P.S. Please state by postal your acceptance – that we may know number going – and also state time of your arrival in Jersey City & Sec. will call for you at the Penna R.R. slip between 8 & 8.30 AM. Yours Truly &c

O. B. Edson


Grefsend proof Back
Say O.K. with the
addition ~~caught~~ 29. 1880
on proof

Mr T. A. Edison
Menlo Park
N.J.

Dear Sir —

Enclosed please find first proofs — of sketch for the "American Portrait Gallery." It just makes our two pages — although a line or two might be added if needed — or if any part is marked out — other matter to the same extent could be substituted. — If however it is right — telegraph to that effect — and it may save me a day's time in getting it out.

Yours Yr J. C. Buttre.

(Oct. 2 '80)

Theo Puskas
Puskas and Laporias
2 Nassau St

Upton gone away
T A E

12/7

Copied

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., Oct 6 1880.

S L Griffin
of Drexel Morgan & Co
23 Wall St
NY

Please bring Bank Book

T A Edison

m NYOct 12 '80
W A Croffut
Albany

Tribune office, N.Y., Oct 12.

My Dear Edison:—

Very sorry you did not come in last evening, for we all had a first-rate time. Whenever you can see an evening ahead, let me know, and I shall be most glad to send you seats,— or retain them for you at the box-office. I feel under very great obligations to you, & I want to see your face in my audience.

Ed. Johnson says you have good chestnuting at them. If we can have a fair show at that sort of game we would like exceedingly to run out

Sunday & back, — provid'd
that there is a convenient train
both ways on that godly day.
Will yr please ask Johnson or Griffin & drop me
a note of advice on the subject
of "chestnuts"

Yours as ever
U. A. Cogswell

2. New York Oct 13

T. A. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Edison is at home & it is entirely convenient Mrs Lowrey & I will go out this afternoon & spend the night Answer
23 & N. Pass G. P. Lowrey

① Menlo Park N.J. Oct 13/80

G. P. Lowrey
Hyde Building
New York.

It is entirely convenient
shall be glad to see you
Edison

10 PM Leave 23 & N.

Oct-13 1880

My 13.

Thos A Edison

Self and wife will be at your place between 12 & 1

Tom Maguire

12 Pond
Kelly

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

# ALBEMARLE FERTILIZER COMPANY,

M file

58 CEDAR STREET,

ALBERT SPEYERS, PRES'T.
EDWIN M. FOX, SECRETARY,
FRANCIS W. JACOBS, TREAS.

New York, Feb 14 188

Personal

My dear Edison;

I want to see you about a matter of business connected with this Co. involving an immense fortune that can be obtained by you and me jointly. I wrote to Meade about it but the true state of affairs can only be seen here. Will you therefore come to New York on Saturday?

I know your aversion to coming to town but this is a matter of great moment as you will quickly see when you learn the facts and I assure you you will not regret it. I have

only just returned from our property and it is the knowledge I received up there, (known only to myself) that causes me to seek this conference. This is a greater thing than the "light." and I repeat you will not regret coming here.

After our business talk if agreeable, I want like you to dine with me at my new house and then go to the Theatre with me to see Cinderella or whatever play you like.

Please now, my dear Edison don't let your work interfere, but Come. Telegraph me on receipt of this, as I want to telegraph to my superintendent at the property (350 miles from here) to come down, so that he may meet us

with necessary data.

This is an opportunity that occurs only once in a lifetime. Alone I am powerless but with your aid, we can have the greatest industry in Europe substantially ours. Please therefore come and telegraph me on receipt of this the time of your arrival.

Telegrams

Wm. M. Fox

Mr. Fox
Mr. Moore

COPY.

Patent Office Museum,
South Kensington,
London, S.W.
Oct. 16, 1880.

Dear Mr. Lack.

I have the honor to report to you my return from my sea voyage.

I beg you will thank the Master of the Rolls, and accept my thanks yourself for the favour accorded me, and which has in the Doctor's opinion resulted in much benefit to my health.

You will remember that I wrote to you from Sydney telling you it was my wish if possible to return by way of the United States as I felt it to be my duty if possible to visit Washington, and obtain as much information as possible both as to the Patent Museum there as well as with regard to the general working of the United States Patent Laws.

I was received there with great courtesy by the Commissioner of Patents, and was allowed to visit and sit in each of the Examiner's rooms in turn and by watching the mode of examination &c.&c. to make myself thoroughly acquainted with the working of the Patent Laws. Should you wish it, I will make you a special report of my views on the American Patent Laws.

I deemed it also my duty while in America to try and obtain some models of value, and such as would tend to increase the importance of the collection belonging to the Commissioners of Patents. To this end I spent two afternoons with Mr. Edison the eminent electrician and am glad to report his presentation of some very valuable original models of his various inventions.

/I

JHL

I forward herewith a list of the various models of interest I was able to obtain for the Museum during my visit to the United States.

I may mention also that while at San Francisco I visited the Mechanical Institute to which I was aware you had sent a complete set of specifications &c. in order to see if they were accessible to the public and freely used.

They are very easily accessible, are taken great care of, and are very much used - all which I saw by going in as a stranger before mentioning my name.

I shall hope the Master of the Rolls will visit the Museum soon and see these new acquisitions, those given by Mr. Edison being of great interest.

I am, dear Mr. Lack,

Very faithfully yours,

H.STUART WORTLEY.

True copy
N.G. Lyons
5. Jan. 1926.

List of Exhibits brought by Col. Wortley from the United States in 1880.

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Oct.19, 1880.

List of Models &c. brought from the United States by Colonel Stuart Wortley, and of some that are being prepared and are to follow:-

Original Electric Pen invented by Edison

Original Phonograph " " "

Original Telephone " " "

Original Tasimeter " " "

Improved " " " " and used by him at the Transit of Venus.

Original constant printing Telegraph Instrument by Edison.

Original Electric Lamp, of the kind which is to be the Electric Light of the future.

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Patent Lantern constructed to burn in the open air and used by the U.S. Light House board to light the shores of the navigable rivers.

Patent Bell Buoy to ring a bell with the very slightest motion of the waves, adopted on Coasts by the United States Government.

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Sectional models of the well known Patent Magazine Rifles for joining 16 or more shots without reloading -

The Winchester
The Hodgkiss
The Remington.

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One of the latest improved Patent Type writing machines.

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Two Patent Revolving Bookstands. (These are of full size and will be used in our Library).

Patent

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Patent small letter weighing machine - as used in the United States Post offices.

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The Eagle Automatic Pencil.

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Patent book for holding newspapers &c:

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The above are all patented here as well as America - Besides the above which I collected and brought with me, others are to follow which I will duly report on when they arrive.

(Sgd.) H.STUART WORTLEY.

J.H.L.

VALUABLE MODELS. PLEASE HANDLE CAREFULLY.

# On Her Majesty's Service.

**Colonel STUART WORTLEY,**

THE PATENT MUSEUM,

**South Kensington,**

**LONDON.**

(Form No. 18 B.)

# THE DIRECT U. S. CABLE CO., Limited.

*In connection with the Atlantic & Pacific and Franklin Telegraph Companies in the United States, and the Dominion Telegraph Company in Canada.*

16 BROAD STREET, NEW YORK, 18th Oct 1880

## REGISTRATION OF CABLE ADDRESSES.

To Thomas Alva Edison Esq. Menlo Park

*DEAR SIR:*

*We beg to inform you that you will receive Telegrams by this Company's Cable from*

Gouraud Esq. London

*under the registered address of*

"Roside" Menlopark

*and in cabling to this firm please address your telegrams to*

"Roside" London

*As the above Reversible Register identifies the sender, the signature becomes superfluous, and the cost of the address is reduced to the rate of two words.*

*Very respectfully,*

Geo G Ward

Superintendent.

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E M Fox
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EXECUTIVE OFFICES

ALBEMARLE FERTILIZER COMPANY,

58 CEDAR STREET,

ALBERT SPEYERS, PRES'T.
EDWIN M. FOX, SECRETARY,
FRANCIS W. JACOBS, TREAS.

New York, Oct 20 1880

Dear Mr. Edison

I wrote you a letter five days ago wanting to see you on some urgent business of mutual interest but have received no reply.

Did you receive the letter? Since writing I have made arrangements for partly the undertaking to which I referred but it does still be of much importance for me to see you in New York.

Do you expect to be here within a few days? If not

please let me know
and I will try and
go to Menlo

Yours

Edwin M. Fox

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park
N. J.

HA/8 Ls

Prof Barker
no ans.

3909 Locust St.
Philadelphia Oct. 29. 1880.

My dear Edison:—

You may remember that when I was in Menlo Park the last of July, I spoke to you about furnishing enough of your lamps to Dr. Draper to enable him to light up his new laboratory, on the occasion of a reception which he gives to the National Academy of Sciences, in New York on the 17th of November. I understood you to say that you would have a plenty of lamps by that time and that you would fix him up in good shape. As the time of the meeting is now approaching he writes me to know what he can count upon, so that in case you can do nothing for him, he can provide some other novelty. If you can give him the lamps, I hope you will go over beforehand and see the room and suggest the best plan for lighting it. He has there a 4 H.P. gas engine, a Gramme machine and a Weston machine. He is coming over here tomorrow to spend the Sunday with me, to see how my new 7 H.P. gas engine runs my Gramme machine. Please telegraph me some time tomorrow what you can do for him.

By the way, why can't you come over tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon and spend Sunday with us. You would be interested

to see what my Gramme machine would do. Then I have a lot of Crookes' tubes which I am going to show, which are very fine. Then too Sawyer is running his lights down town lighting up the Mercantile Library building. This I know you would like to see. The Thomson-Houston dynamo-machine is running near here; and they say that that is the best machine yet; of course always excepting your own. Come and spend the Sunday quietly at my house and we three will have a good time somehow. If you can bring Mrs. Edison along so much the better. Mrs. Barker will be very glad to see her.

I have been experimenting with Graham Bell's photophone. It is really a remarkable thing. I am now making one of his selenium cells and if it works well, I intend to show it at Dr. Draper's on the 17th. Mr. Bell talked to me in Boston across the Square on a beam of sunlight; and the articulation was very good. We cannot see now that it can have as extended applications as the telephone; but that is a matter for the future.

What progress are you making at Menlo? I expected that you would make that grand demonstration before this time. Have you received yet the high speed engine from here? I see you are forming companies in Europe, so I suppose things are yet marching on.

Yours truly George F. Barker.

Thos Fraser
Oct 31. 77.
Miscellaneous
Letters

15 Victoria Street —
Leamington
Oct 31. 1877.

To T A Edison Esq

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your answer to my first letter and to thank you. Some time in January next I presume towards the end of that month, I shall give a similar lecture to the one I gave at the British Archæological Institute on the 16 ultimo to the "Birmingham Literary and Scientific Institute". Any information you may forward either technical or commercial tending to show its importance or the extension it may have

already taken or expected to take in future (your telephone) will

oblige yours very respectfully

Thomas Bragg.

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated New York Nov. 1st 1880

Received at MENLO PARK N.J.

To Thos A Edison

I will come out tonight on eleven O'clock train for Lantern Experiments -

A. R. Burbank
Lotus Club.

14 paid.

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

3909 Locust St.
Phila. Nov. 9. 1880.

My dear Edison:-

I found your telegram here on my return from New York Sunday night. I am sorry you refuse to allow Draper a few of your lamps to show at his reception. He is a good fellow and I feel hurt myself to have him snubbed in this way. So far as he is concerned, the reception will not suffer. He has several other things to show which will be very interesting. And as to lamps, he has been offered some of Maxim's, which being of low resistance (30 ohms) will be easily run by his engine.

Truly yours
George H. Barker.

Brooklyn Nov 16/84

D. L. Griffin Esq

Dr Griff:

The W. U. folks have slaughtered me after a service of 18 years. I am at present unemployed, and look on you for a position as Clerk in your new Company. I really need a situation and shall not differ as to Salary. Doubtless you remember our parting in St. Louis "A Office" in '63 when you left for New Orleans. I am poor now but respectable.

Please answer.

J. D. McGuire

235 Myrtle Ave Brooklyn

Should you have any show for me and manifest a desire to assist as described I shall pay you a friendly visit say Saturday of this week

J. M.

Dr. Benjamin Nerlico
Pittsburgh
Allegheny Co.

New York Nov. 27th 1880

T. A. Edison Esq Working Night & day haven't a minute to spare but would be happy to do so if occasion

Dear Sir

I enclose a Provisional programme of the regular subjects at the Delmonico dinner. We will esteem it a great favor if you will consent to be here some evening and to take part by opening the discussion. If you can do so will you designate a brief title by which I can announce it in the next issue of the programme

And oblige

Very truly Yours

T. A. Stetson

President

P.S. I would like to put you down for Dec 16 the Bradley has just told me he will have to be away

T.A.S.

E M Fox
Dec 1
File Mfg

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New York, Dec 1 1886

Dear Edison

I wrote you a week ago in reference to the five shares of Ore milling in which I paid you $200 but have received no reply.

I know you are extremely occupied with things electrical (not to speak of things histronic in re the Divine Bernhardt) and small matters go unnoticed but money is awfully precious to me just now. I started out to raise $20000 by the 7th of December and I am within speaking distance of that handsome sum and every

dollar that is raisable, I am making Herculean efforts to raise for unless the whole amount is forthcoming on the appointed day, I lose an option that means a fortune. If therefore you could let me have the $200 ~~it~~ it would be not an inconsiderable help.

As for the 5 shares of O.M. I will take it or not just as you desire by the 1st of January as then I shall be in large funds

Alexandria is booming thousands of lots are being sold and the stock is rapidly increasing in value

Please let me hear from you by return mail

Yours truly

E.W.V. Fox

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Dated New York Dec 1st 1880

Received at MENLO PARK N.J

To S. L. Griffin

Tracy Edison says tell Edison he and Campbell come to three train today.

Wm Carman

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Dated New York Dec 1st 1880

Received at MENLO PARK N.J

To T. A. Edison

Go three o'clock train as well.

A B C.

6 DH.

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Dec 1. 80

W H Painter
C/o Hart Monroe
80 Broadway
NY

My interest
Edison

2 Sh

12 - 2" - 1880.

Prof. T. A. Edison ~~Esq~~

Dear Sir:—

Will you be so kind as to remit the small balance due me which is $3.32, as I have been nursing large purchases and am in need of funds.

I have purchased large collections of Dr. Fitches and his library which is, I believe, the best Entomological Library in the United States

With this remark I remain Yours

A. E. Foote
M.D.

Rome Ga Dec 3rd 80
J. J. Springer
Dec 7

Rome Ga. Decr 3d 1880

T. A. Edison
Dear Sir.

I am aware that your characteristic modesty will not permit you to speak of and for yourself, in fact I could see no occasion for it if you did, for your works speak sufficiently loud for you without that, but will you allow me to beg a small favor of you nevertheless?

While traveling in Europe and showing the phonograph, I found that the most interesting part of my entertainments were the short biographical sketches of the inventor. The material was rather meagre tis true: but acceptable still,

now I find in this my new home ("The Sunny South") that Mr Edison is hardly as well known as he was in France and Germany while I traveled there and as I am about preparing a lecture on Edison & his inventions, I presume upon the venture to ask you whether you could not without sacrificing your time or convenience, point me to some printed sketch of your life from which to cull some reliable data on the subjects —

If you will so far favor me, you may rest assured of my most lasting gratitude and will at the same time contribute in a great measure, to the information of the people of this section of our union on a subject which interests the whole civilized world

May I count upon your kind compliance?

Yours, with the best wishes for your triumphs in science,

J. J. Sprenger

N.B. I see by the papers that you propose to give an exhibition of your perfected light soon, which I could spend another evening, at Menlo as happy as the one I spent there on Dec. 31 last.

J. J.

Address.

J. J. Sprenger
Rome Ga.

N.Y. Dec 10/88

Dear T.A.

I begun my testimony in Telephone case today.
I had not seen you or any other, but as far as I read, Sawyer says my memory is marvelous like yours. Speedist Edison busts; Nicholson on Quad – raise other on Telephone. English men feasting Bell for the Philosophy, inventor of Telephone will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yrs JCR

Buffalo, N.Y. Dec 11th 80

My dear Professor –

Dare I make an appeal to you for assistance? Or is there a spot in your memory sufficiently green to call up any recollection of the subscriber. If all I hear is true you have reached the top of the ladder financially as well as scientifically, while I, the least significant of the Exeter place Chauncey St Boston trio, am still working fifteen hours a day trying to pay debts contracted when I squandered and

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you experimented. All I ask of you, my quondam friend, is to read this thro' patiently & favor me with a reply and if you will lend me once more a helping hand I will try by future actions to show you that I have some appreciation of kindnesses shown me — I have been working here in Buffalo for the past four years and devoting about one third of my income to the payment of old debts. I have in the meantime, with my usual good management run behind here and now when I

have, probably the only
opportunity I ever will have
to better myself, I cant get
away from here because
of this being behind —
I have an opportunity
to go to Washington at
a salary of over $100
per month And need
$100 — to make the change
Will you repeat the kindness
you did me ten years ago,
with probably a better
prospect of repayment,
and loan me $100. for
five or six months?
The climate here has
worn 50 pounds off of me



in the past four years &
My wife has had pleurisy
& pneumonia every winter
I would like to go to Washn
as a matter of health as
well as wealth, but Cant
make the move for causes
Mentioned above —
Will you help me Tom?
If yes drop me a line,
If no, put this letter in
the fire & say nothing
about it —
I would like to go
in two weeks & if you
will do anything for me
will go thro' your place
& explain what my prospects
are —

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The position I can get in Washington is one to be vacated by Charlie Cottrell on the Cincinnati Gazette private wire — I enclose Cots letter which please return

Yours truly
John E Clarke
W U Tel Co
Buffalo N Y

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# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



Dated New York Dec. 13th 1880

Received at MENLO PARK N.J.

To T. A. Edison

Will go out by
Four thirty Train -
Can you have a
carriage for Mrs
Lowrey at Station

G. P. Lowrey

17 DH.

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

G. P. Lowrey Dec 13th 1880
3 Broad St
N.Y.

Will have carriage
there

T. A. Edison

Cl'd

NY Dec 14. 1880
W Fraser Rec
Ans Dec 15. 1880

UNIVERSITY CLUB.
370 FIFTH AVENUE.

14th December
1880.

Dear Mr Edison,

I am again in this part of the World & I have spent the last 3 months in revisiting some parts of the Great West where I had the pleasure of making your acquaintance in 1878. I purpose returning home in the course

Course, a few days.
Before sailing for England
I think like to pay the
visit to Menlo Park
which I promised to do
when I was last on this
Continent. Would it be
Convenient for you to
see me on Thursday?
It is the only day not
~~[illegible]~~ filled with
engagements. Kindly
send your reply to the
Hoffman House
Madison Square. New
York City. I believe me to be
~~Cordially~~ Yours W. Frazer Rae.

John K. Porter.
Grosvenor P. Lowrey.
Geo. Wales Soren.
Chas Francis Stone.
Geo. S. Hamlin.
Wm. L. Porter.

P. O. Box 1836.

Porter, Lowrey, Soren & Stone.
Attorneys & Counsellors at Law.
No. 3 Broad St. New York.

Dec. 18th 1880

My dear Mr. Griffin

Please send us as soon as possible the original certificates of incorporation of the Edison Ore Milling Company and of the Edison Telephone Company of Europe

Very truly
Randolph Murray

John K. Porter.
Grosvenor P. Lowrey.
Geo. Wales Soren.
Chas Francis Stone.
Geo. S. Hamlin.
Wm. L. Porter.

P. O. Box 1836.

# Porter, Lowrey, Soren & Stone.

Attorneys & Counsellors at Law.
No. 3 Broad St. New York.

Dec 18. 1880.

Dear Mr G. I wrote nearly a week ago & asked for the original certificate of the first organization of the Milling & El. Telephone Company bearing notation dated Jan 8. 1880. and May 14. 1879. Have had no answer.

I want them if they are in Company's files, at once.

Yours
L.P.S.

I find that certif. of the Telephone Co was sent to Bowlby (from our books) May 15. 79. I have no doubt the other was also sent to Co. which has been mislaid. Send them to me, Monday.

L.

I have made for Co
Thos. A. Edison Esq
We can send Gravel from
Quarry and

Rockerville, Dakota Territory Dec 20th 1880

Thos. A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir.

Last July I spent one day with you and had the pleasure of riding on your Railroad. I write this to find out what you have done and whether you have made the trial you spoke of for the Penn Central Co. If so will you let me know what your "Motor" will do in the way of hauling freight. Also if you have any apparatus or Machine for dry Placer ground. I have plenty of ground that pays 30 cts to the yard but no water nearer than 40 miles. You spoke of making a Machine for that purpose. = Have you done so. We have thousands of acres of good paying ground but no water. I hope I am not asking too much for a reply. With best regards to Mr Laughlin

I remain dear Sir

Very Respectfully

Chas A Gindler

Rockerville
Pennington Co
Dakota Territory.

CABLE ADDRESS.
"GOURAUD, LONDON."

6. Lombard Street E.C.
London Dec 21st 1880.

T. A. Edison Esq,
Menlo Park
New Jersey
U.S.A.

File

Dear Edison

Megaphone.

Pray, Pray, Pray, have this shipped without delay! as kindly offered and add to the many obligations, of

Yours Sincerely

E. Gouraud

London Dec 21, 81
G Elpouiand
no ans
wants telephone shipped

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# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



Dated New York Dec 22 1880

Received at WSt.

To Stockton L. Griffin

Come to sign as commissioner without delay

P.L. S.S.

Paid

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John K. Porter.
Grosvenor P. Lowrey.
Geo. Wales Soren.
Chas. Francis Stone.
Geo. S. Hamlin.
Wm. L. Porter.

P. O. Box 1836.

Porter, Lowrey, Soren & Stone.
Attorneys & Counsellors at Law.
No. 3 Broad St. New York.

Dec 31st 1880

My dear Edison

I wish you this year a happy "New Year", & great increase of fame & fortune.

In respect to the financial necessity of which you spoke to Fabbri & me, do not give yourself uneasiness. It will be provided for by your friends in a proper way, that is, so as not to give you trouble of any sort.

Fabbri wished me to speak to you about your having (as he understands) allowed American Union Cross on your premises. He thinks you ought not to do so being a W. U. soldier.

He wished me to say so to you & promised but have forgotten it when I have seen you. Therefore I write now.

If by any chance you make any calls in town on New Years come see my wife at the Victoria Hotel Cor.

27th at 5th Av. Tell Mrs Edison
I have gone back on my advice to
her & have gone to a Hotel – But
it was necessary to be in town & I could
not get any other place now

Yours truly
G. F. Foster

Mrs Thos A. Edison
Menlo Park
N.J.

Tariff to Mexico City $3.65 10 words + 54¢ every additional from Brownsville Tex

Frederick Beardsley
City Mexico

How is Laura getting along Will she recover

Edison

8 pm

V.F. BUTLER,
NO, 1, MERCADERES
HABANA

Thomas A. Edison, Menlo. —

My dear Edison, Send you some gas documents by mail, also enclosed some notes from the secretaries of both companies which I hope may interest you. The earthquake as you may perceive has spared me, no doubt with the object of assisting you; — The Herald account is the greatest humbug & exaggeration you can imagine, in Habana we experienced three or four shocks but slight, however in Vuelta Abajo the shocks were sufficiently strong to shake down some houses, Padre Vines our great Natural Philosopher here traces it to subterranean connexion between Cuba & Central America —

I met a very interesting person who made an excursion in your favorite W. Columbia up the "Strato" remained seven months at Zaibildo & Novita, returned with $40.000 of Gold & Platina he calculates his platina at about $20. per lb. he was 45 days going up the river & 6 days returning he describes the country as the worst in the

world climate terrible rains in torrents every day fevers, malaria, & the dense jungle full of every wild beast & snake that is enemy to man the country one vast swamp so that it is really a land without any land - Population Negros & Indians, no whites - rivers full of gold, which the natives only look for when they require to purchase food &c - there is no food produced or domestic animals, the animals at Novita here one donkey & five fowls. The fowls were valued at one ounce gold each & the donkey was purchased at 35 ounces - I asked my friend who is an officer in the Army & an ex revolutionist to write me a sketch of his trip if he does so I shall send you a copy. I hope your dear baby (the Light Infantry) is getting on well let me know when you get time - Regards to Batchelor & believe me

Yours sincerely

W. F. Baker

Mrs Batchelor

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

*Dated* London Via Ny 25 188

*Received at*

*To* Thos A Edison
Menlo Park

Draw sixty days
Six thousand pounds

P Cable 25 ¢
Rd 1 20 pm
72 4/4

Draw
P Coll

Operator

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

*Dated* New York 26 188

*Received at*

*To* Edison

will meet Johnson today
at eight forty five am
at six minutes one fifth
aw

A M R Brumbly

165 Hum 1 2 p

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# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



Dated Irvington N.Y. 15 188

Received at

To Edison

Menlo Park

Don't send for cow until I see you monday have not found it yet to ship

James H Banker

15 W 24th St

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

[FROM HEBER C. ROBINSON?]

Phila 30

Thos A Edison

Mr Frank Thomson

& Prof Barker

will arrive at

Menlo on Friday

about twelve o'clock

The Prof wants the

lights and railway

in first class order

sorry I cannot come

with them

Ra

1 New York 27.

T A Edison Please send me copy of contract with foreign countries which I wanted to see yesterday

H Willard
20 Nassau St.

18 paid Cr.

2 New York 27.

T A Edison NJ

Can be made twenty six feet of two inches diameter & over

The George Place Machy

13 Collect Call Cr

3 Cable to Thomas. Menlo Park

Stop Instruments until clock work arrives must abolish handle

10 London

4 Ottawa Oct 27

T A Edison Sample is in a Powder Keg forwarded from Montreal

G Duval

9 paid Cr

**1880. Edison, T.A. - Accounts (D-80-005) [not filmed]**

This folder contains trial balances and other draft account sheets that were used in entering information into journals and ledgers (see Accounts Series).

**1880. Edison, T.A. - Advice (D-80-006)**

This folder contains unsolicited correspondence suggesting improvements in Edison's inventions, asking him for advice on technical matters, or requesting his assistance in improving or promoting an invention.

Approximately 10 percent of the documents have been filmed. Most of the documents selected for filming received a significant response by Edison.

can't get vacuum but (push out last)

45 Strawberry Street
Philad^a 1st Mo. 2, 1880

Thos. A. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

I take this method, of calling your attention, to an improvement in the Air Pump, for which Patents were obtained (two of them,) issued in the month of Septem 1879 (last)

They (the Air Pumps) are provided with a tube attached to the barrel of the pump (thus lengthening the barrel really) - within the extension, is a spring upon the end of which, is a clasp, for holding a plug - as soon as the air is exhausted from the vessel, the spring is touched, and the plug is driven into the opening of the vessel, from which the air has been pumped

It occurred to me, that as thousands, & millions of globes, for your "Electric Light" would shortly be required, and as this process is very simple, & almost as inexpensive & rapid as putting in the stopper, by hand, I would name it to you, as it must facilitate your operations, very considerably, as well as cheapen the mode of this department, of this very interesting work, which you have just given to the world

If this is of interest, please drop me a line & you can see the operation of it

Very Respy

V. C. Bunck

M. Mr. Tony 38
a Clarey
a Jany 38

Hotel Windsor
92 Castle St - Boston
January 8d 1880

Thomas Edson Esqr

Dear Sir

Being myself an inventor in a small way and not being troubled with envy or jealousy, Allow me to Congratulate you upon your successes, which I do most heartily. Some time ago I tried some experiments in the way of seperating the gasses of which water is composed for the purpose of obtaining a gas in a cheap way for heating purposes. I succeeded admirably, but have not made it public, because, to introduce such an invention requires considerable money to fight those who

are always ready to pirate or steal a poor mans invention if it happens to be valuable. My object in saying all this is to ask you, Can you produce heat by your inventions by making use of electricity in a very cheap manner? It is of little use for me to try to introduce my invention if you can heat by electricity very cheap. By my process I can heat a room 20 feet square for one cent pr day over the cost of the water, which, in cities will cost a trifle — in the country nothing. I cannot use it for lighting purposes, but for cooking and heating purposes it is simply perfect. I have no ashes, dust or odor. I am not trying to sell anything to you, I only want to know what I have to contend with, and if you will kindly answer me by return mail you will gratify me very much. Yours truly

A. C. Carey

In the present state of Science we cannot heat houses economically by Electricity

GEO. L. STINNER,
DEALER IN
Jewelry, Watches, Clocks,
SILVER PLATED WARE, &c.,
Repairing a Specialty.

Santa Paula Ventura Co Cala January 5th 1880

Mr T. A. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir
My Tools that I use for Repairing & making watches have become Magnetized and I wish to restore them, or will lose them;
Please inform me how to restore the Tools to their former condition. and how to proceed to make a delicate test. so as to tell when the Magnetism is all removed.
My tools if heated to a red heat are spoiled. so you see the necessity of not heating them

Vary Respectfully

Geo. L. Stinner
Santa Paula
Ventura Co
California

A full description of how to do it appeared in the Scientific Am Supplement 2 or 3 weeks ago

Edward Casper & Co

40a King William Street.
London E.C. 6. 1. 1880

Have not time to go into special lighting yet

Alan Jansen Stevens

Dear Sir

In reference to our conversation I would be glad if you were good enough to communicate with Mr Brown to as certain

If he could suggest a practical means of lighting railway carriages from the inside as per sketch on back of this.

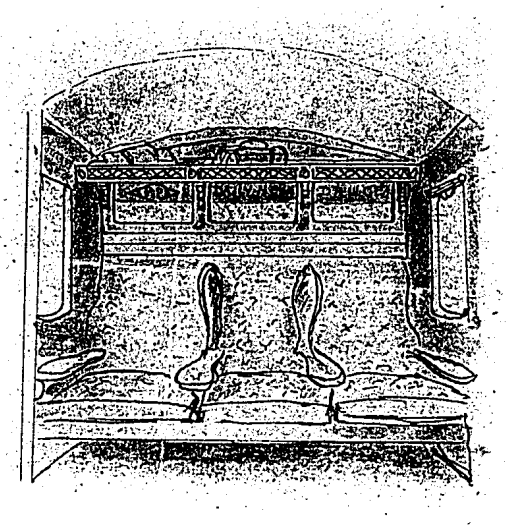
The result desired is the lighting up of the under part of the Railway rack which contains advertisements.

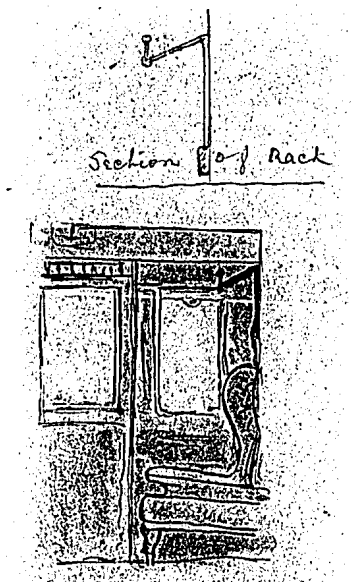
Yours truly
Edward Casper

So long as the under part of the rack is lit up the light might be any where either along the edge of the shelf or the under part of which is the advertisement or outside at either end

London January 6, 80
Brewer & Jansen
Wed January 13

8/1/80
Kindly forward the enclosed to Mr E. It is for Client of ours
R.S.
Express Wants





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Lancaster January 30 1880

Mr T. A. Edison

Dear Sir

Your answer to my letter come duely to hand. And received all attentions regarding the fibers refered to. The fibers I refered to you of is an Asbesto fiber. but I have 3 boxes which I put to throw and which I think will answer your purpose. And if you will say that you will try it I will send you a sample. And will be very

m —

Jan 30/80

Pleased to hear from your town

Yours truly

Miscellaneous Letters

Thomas Gillich

No 667 St Joseph St

St Paul

Ill Mf

Asbestos fibre does not conduct Electricity hence cannot be used

411½ No. 8th St.
Philadelphia Feb 12, 1880

Write & say we will think over Mr Edison his idea,

Dear Sir

I have watched with great interest the ~~the~~ progress and results of your experiments with the Electric Light, because, if you succeed — as I am sure you will — an opportunity will be given to cities to ventilate their sewer pipes with down draft ventilation, which I have been advocating the last four years. The practical difficulty, in introducing this system of ventilation and burning up or disinfecting the sewer gas in sewers, has been the expense of Engines boilers, tall chimneys and other necessary appurtenances for the proper disposition of this gas. These must be stationed, as you propose, in various parts of the city to accomplish ~~the~~ effectually the exhaustion of foul air from sewers over limited areas. Your system of manufacturing and distributing the Electric Light solves the problem in the most practical way. I see no objection to using your Engines, & boilers, chimneys etc.

to pump out this sewer gas as fast as evolved and cause it to enter in the draft of the chimney under the grates of the boilers. I firmly believe that by forcing the foul air to descend the pipe instead of ascending the same, house drainage will be relieved of the greatest sanitary evil in the city. I wish you would think of this system of ventilation in connection with that of the electric light. If you could harmonize the two, that is, give cheap light and pure air in our dwellings you would be truly the greatest benefactor of the present age. The loss of mental and animal vigor, owing to the escape of sewer gas into houses and streets decrease immensely the productive labor and power of the people.

I wrote in 1876 to Wallace & Co Ansonia Conn. about their electric light whether it could be used to disinfect sewers. They replied that they could not subdivide their light advantageously. My object was to find out whether this disinfection could be accomplished by means of electrical wires extending through the whole system of sewerage and of having lights burning at will or continuously within the pipes or wells connected with them at intervals so that the sewer gas in its ascent would be forced to pass through a bank or battery of flame. Perhaps you can do this with your light. I am an

inventor in a small way. I have devoted my entire time and means since 1876 without adequate returns upon the ventilation and disinfection of sewers and their appurtenances. It does seem to me as if you have opened the way, incidentally, to accomplish a great sanitary result, which if made known publicly, would add to the deserved popularity of your Electric light system.

I have taken this liberty to write to you because I am interested in sanitary matters. ~~and~~ Any opinion you may have of the above method of purifying sewers I shall be pleased to receive, if you can find any time to think about it

Yours Truly

W. F. Wheeler

411½ No. 8th

Phila.

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**DENVER, COL.** _____ 187

Georgetown Colo Feb 21st 80

Thomas A Edison Esq.
Menlo Park. N. J.

Dear Sir.

Some years since I in connection with a Brother sent you a few pounds of Telluride ore at your request for the purpose of experimenting upon that character of ores; never learned from you of there arrival

Some time ago I noticed a saw as it was struck by lightning, it was tempered so hard by the electricity that it shattered to pieces under a slight blow, might not this be applied to tempering tools and steel used in instruments and by a simple regulating apparatus to control the force become useful for this purpose. Or is it used in this way.

Respectfully.
Jno R Wood
Georgetown
Colo.

You idea is new & ought to be tried
I have no time just now very
busy myself when get chance will try it &
report results

Seq're dow — Make a diagram how to make these connections TAE

Sparta Ills Mch 20 1880

Thos A Edison

Dear Sir

Last summer I made a Wilds Dynamo Electric Machine, which worked very well but not knowing much about electrical science at the time, I made it too small to produce much of a light. But being successful in it I resolved to make a larger machine, and as your reputation for a successful Electrician is world wide, I thought I would copy after you; I saw in the Scientific American an illustrated description of your latest machine and as it looked very simple and had your name to back it, I concluded to take the liberty of making my large machine after your pattern as described — Right here let me say that I have made the machine for my own amusement and do not expect to sell or hire it. Nor do I expect to interfere in any way with your rights or interests — Well I ordered my material which consisted of 2 wrought iron cores 5 in diam. and 26 in long one cast cross piece 4 × 5 in long to connect top of magnets and 2 cast iron poles with a hole 6 in in diam; for the Armature to revolve in and 50 lb No. 12 wire to make the Helicies, my armature was made as described in Scientific American

I wraped it with no 18 wire (copper) the length being ~~tiny~~ only from commutator around armature, back to commutator and there soldered. The wire was laid on true and consisted of 15 strands of 24 wires each. From this no effect whatever, although my magneto acted magnificently; After this I took off the wire and put on more of the same size, but composed only of 6 wires which I carried around the armature 4 times befor fastening to commutator bars then were connected up so that the bars were alternately Positive and Negative, this gave no better results than the other, Now I confess that I am stumped (to use a westernism) and do not know what the devil is the matter, nor where to look for it. I do not think it is in the magneto as they seem to work well and the armature seems to fulfill all the conditions ie "Cut the lines of Magnetic force in a line perpendicular to its direction" I had given up all hopes when a friend of mine suggested my writing to you a statement of my case which I have done as above. but I confess with very little hope of an answer as I know you are very busy and I suppose bothered with letters like this one every day. Still Mr Edison if you should answer this I will feel placed under many obligations which I may never be in a position to return but if I should

You can safely call on me, but in any event whether you answer or not accept my best wishes for the success of your plans and believe me that I am proud to number you amongst my countrymen

Yours very Respectfully
Clay McCoil
Sparta
Ill

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WM. K. COWING, Clerk.
GEORGE FOLEY, Steward.

Magnetic Compass
All Mounted
Nov 19 1889

Cleveland March 11th 1889.

Professor Edison
Menlo Park. N.J.

Dear Sir

I have read and heard so much of your ingenious and inventive powers. That I have concluded to write you of an idea that has been in my mind for some time I am not able to make the experiments required but doubtless you are fully able and your good judgement on such will soon tell if it is worth anything or not. You are aware of the great need of a Mariners Compass that will be proof against all local attraction. As we know the atmosphere or almost anything is a Conductor of Magnetism. I think if a Compass needle or magnet was in some way placed in a glass globe or other vessel with the air exhausted till nearly a perfect vacuum was obtained. That the needle would still retain its attraction to the North and South. and this Vacuum would answer as a non-conductor of Magnetism or local attraction and in this give us a Compass that will point true on all Ships &c and other places where the attraction is so great

Respectfully Yours
Alex McDougall

127. River st
Cleveland
Ohio

Sparta, Ill. Mch 20 1880

Thos A Edison

Dear Sir

I herewith acknowledge receipt of your favor of 16 inst, for which I return you my sincere thanks. I am more than pleased with your kind note, and the clearness of description and diagrams. I think I understand it fully. The trouble with me before was, that I was working with open circuit and taking especial pains to keep it so. I go to work this evening and when I make a success I will report to you. And now Mr Edison if ever you need any information or service, done in Southern Illinois let me know and I will attend to it as promptly as you did to my enquiries. I've heard large

Kaolin beds in our vicinity. If you should need any, don't fail to let me know. Again I thank you for your kindness.

Yours Most Respectfully

Clay McDiel

Spurlock Mds. Co.
Seymour
Mo.

m/ San Fran Mar 26 80
J. Zachert
Apl 23

The process of
making gas by
passing steam over hot
Carbon is already in operation
in Brooklyn City

San Francisco March 26th 1880

Dear Sir.

I am surprised that you did not receive my registered letter as I have the postal receipt with the signature of your secretary.
At your request I repeat my proposition:
"Knowing that Gas Companies are troubled on account of your great invention; an idea suggested to me to make use of the gas as fuel. I discovered: that cheap gas may be manufactured by means of steam heated with a cheap combustible

material in the hot retorter; by this process the gas will be very hydrogenous and consequently afford more heat than the gas used for lighting.
I would like to obtain a patent on my discovery and introduce it through your influence, therefore I invite you to take a half interest in this business; If this project will find favor with you please procure a patent immediately
Be so kind as to inform me at an early date of your decision and address all communications to No 1403 Scott St.

I have the honor to be very respectfully Sir.

J. Zachert
Chemist and Assayer.

horse power. 2½ feet long
18 inch diameter. 10 inch
high
amount hp would depend on size core used

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
April 5, 1880.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison;
Dear Sir,
Will you be kind enough to answer the following questions?
(1) What sized case would enclose a 1 horse power Faradic Electric Motor?
(2) What sized case would enclose a 2 horse power Faradic Electric Motor?
3 What per cent of the power generated, can be conducted over 1 mile of wire and utilized in a Faradic Motor?

Yours Respectfully
Chas. Whittaker
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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Richmond Ind. 4/6 — 1880

Mr Tho A Edison
Menlo Park
Dear Sir
Permit me to ask a favour from you if in your power to communicate it will place me under lasting obligations

I want a receipt for fire proof adhesive cement. in my experiments so far I have failed to get it hence my application to your self for knowledge in that line

Was my suggestion in the matter of Electric light paper of any value

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience I remain Your Friend
Wm L Pinchard

I call Gramme A Carbon Paper as a fire proof cement — Another Cement Fire & water Proof

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ANSWER TO Troy, N.Y. } DATED, Troy N.Y. April 7th 1880

Thomas A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park, N.J.
Dear Sir:

I have a simple favor to ask of you and proceed to ask it without apology or explanation believing nothing could so command me to a busy man's time yourself as to say nothing (or as near to that as I can endure a request) to him.

Please inform me by next of mail, or at your earliest leisure what substance or material, out of which an ear-muff or night cap could be made, is the most absolute and perfect non-conductor of sound you know of.

I have not slept over 6 hrs out of 24 in 12 yrs and my ability to sleep at all turns upon quietness of my surroundings. It has occurred to me there might be some substance important to deaden or keep out noise, that used for or in an ear covering, it would shut from my hearing — at least partially — the disturbing sounds which deny me sleep. If there be a perfect non-conductor available for the use mentioned this inquiry will of course suggest it to you at once and I have every confidence from sense of humanity appeals

to in his Communication will assure me an early and encouraging reply.

Very Respectfully Etc
Franc[illegible] Chapfield

A Rubber nipple
closed at both Ends
& slack in the Ear
best thing I know of

Troy Aug 4th 1880
F D Chapfield
Chaplain

Private & Confidential

Can't go into it
we better wait & speak about it
personally

The Rectory. St. Paul's Church
Columbus. Miss.
April 8th 1880.

Mr: T. A. Edison.

My dear Sir.

Excuse my trespassing upon your very valuable time. I only ask 10 minutes of your serious thought. Please give it to me. I have discovered a new application of your sub-divided electric ~~current~~ current. It has nothing to do with the production of light. But it meets a demand as universal as that for light. The ~~amount~~ quantity of electricity needed in the application of the current to the new use, being far less than that required to produce light, it will be so far less ~~less~~ expensive to the consumer. The difficulties surrounding the carbon "points" in the electric arc do not enter at all into the new application. The fact of a subdivided

electric current is all that is needed. Indeed the difficulties in producing a continuous light are exactly the means that secure the utility of the current in the new application of it. And I am quite persuaded that this new application of the current will be as valuable pecuniarily as that upon which you are now laboring. While I am equally sure that civilization throughout all its ramifications will be certainly as much benefitted by my discovery as if you had solved your part of the problem in the production of light.

Now a single word more, and I will not trespass on your time. If I were sure this letter would reach your eyes before it was read by anybody else, I would not hesitate to explain the matter to you here and now, because I have perfect faith in you. But a man in your position must of necessity surround himself with pickets & outposts to be protected from the almost innumerable interruptions that afflict him in the form of just such letters as this.

If therefore you will drop me a line giving me legal assurance that I may be an equitable sharer in the profits of the new application of your work, - and I shall be entirely content to leave the part I am entitled to, to your nice sense of justice, - I will explain it to you and you can then decide as to its value. I guarantee not to consume a sheet of foolscap in developing the idea. It is so plain and so simple that you will be able to see it in a moment.

I am a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and can give you any references you may ask both in New York City & in the South: Answer at

M Columbus Miss Apl 8. 80
Rev Wm Mumford
a Apl 17

your convenience and address

Rev. Wm Mumford. Rector
St. Paul's Church.
City of Columbus.
Mississippi.

I have been living here about six weeks and here it was that I stumbled upon the idea of which I have been writing.

Faithfully
Wm Mumford.

P.S. I said quantity of electricity required would be less, the intensity required would be same.

Mechanicsburg,
Cumberland Co. Penn.
April 12. 1880.

Mr T. A. Edison

Dear Sir.

Will you favor me with the fraction of a Horse Power (i.e. 33000 lbs pr min) necessary to drive your smallest generator and furnish one electric light for one hour equal to the illuminating power of one coal oil light. $\frac{1}{5}$th of hp will do

My object in making this inquiry is to obtain a data to assist me in completing my design of a hand compressed air engine, and thus enlarge the field of your wonderful discoveries by enabling the rural and agricultural community to enjoy the same.

Yours &c.

S. G. Hubert.

It will be seen that a very small boiler would possess a very high steaming power and in proportion as the size of a boiler may be decreased its ability to sustain pressure is increased thus proportionately higher pressure steam with its economic result in higher expansion

The highest results would however be obtained with a generator not a boiler what the generator is is passed over but will be given if an interest is taken in same

Quite a small size generator would furnish steam sufficient for a thousand horse steam engine and at any pressure or degree of super heat in the steam desired 500 or more degrees super-heat involving as a matter of course an engine not effected injuriously by it and this is proposed as a part of the plan — not a plunger piston engine but a double acting vertical or horizontal engine and entirely free from any possibility of injury from the steam or where it is desirable to use it the gas of a fire.

Probably highly heated steam as given above could be thrown

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Mr. / T. Mannton
127 W. 31st St.
New York

New York 1880
April 15th

Edison Esq.

Can't go into anything that already supposedly worked up

Will it possible for me to present at a glance to you what I wish to present I am sure you would feel a deep interest in the same as there is nothing of as much importance to the universal use and success of the Electric light other things being equal as that I wish to secure for a minute or two your attention to in this communication and I would not trouble you knowing how fully you are engaged all the time were not sure as to what I shall state and briefly as possible. It may be when I write power so much having been claimed for wonderful inventions in selling for nothing and from nothing you but a feeling of repulsion, am inclined myself.

I can realize in my own experience how this may be

Could you be assured that Steam by any simple means could be made to do the work it is capable of doing (rather fuel) The Boiler or generator durable and reliable the Engine also true I am sure you could not fail of a deep interest in it. — If where 1 1/2 5 pounds of Coal are now used 1 pound would do the same work, well & trust I can show you so that even a judging Solely on the merits of the plan would grant the claim just made, — Only be a very radical change in the generating apparatus, also in the Engine so that greatly higher pressure and heat may be carried. I propose such a change securing all the conditions of — of perfect combustion of the fuel, fuel of any kind Coal, wood, prairie hay &c and not 50 dg heat need be lost up the smoke stack. — It is not a

of Regenerator but will give all and beyond all the best results of the Regenerator and be almost universally applied in addition to which an application for running small compact Steam Motors to street Cars or for other uses to which the present form of — Steam Engines is not applicable

However small the bore of the boiler tubes even although only 1 tenth the area of the regular sizes they will — always remain perfectly clean however corrosive or sooty or dirty the fuel may be. and may be kept at a very high heat through a long tube of the small bore stated so much so that — 1 foot of tube surface would do the work of 3 or 4 feet of the regular tube, — The statements just made I am aware look visionary and impracticable but are true and will be fully admitted — Should I have the pleasure of showing you how accomplished.

Cambridge Mass May 17, 80
Rec D G Hoskins
May 18

Cambridge, Massachusetts,
May 17, 1880

Professor Edison:
Dear Sir,

The N.Y. Herald of Saturday last announces that you are engaged in adapting the electric light to buoys. I do not know how trustworthy the report is; but by one of the enclosed documents you will see that I have reason to feel interested in your efforts in this direction. I secured patents on my inventions by the advice of my old teacher & neighbor Professor Benjamin Peirce, to whom I feel at liberty to refer you for any information concerning

sympathy, — though I may as well say here that I am a clergyman, & have resided here since 1852.

The object of this note, however, is not to warn you off the ground as belonging exclusively to me. But to say that I should value your services in helping to bring the invention to perfection, and would be disposed to enter into any equitable arrangement to give you an interest in the profits. I have spent much time & money on this invention, & on other inventions involving different application of the motive power of the waves, which, though secured

to me, I have not time now to refer to more at length. My new wheel is attached to a schooner, which is only waiting a favorable wind to test it power. It has been in my mind to write you before, but I feared that you were too busy to enter into this matter. Prof. Peirce thinks the invention will be of use in propelling vessels. He referred to it in his address before the Social Sc. Convention, saying, "Old as I am, I may yet live to see the vessel propelled across the Ocean by the power of the waves."

Yr obt. Servt.

L. S. Haskins

The Light House Board have promised to make the experiment at cost of Govt. if I will have thing made.

Not on that line

Excuse me
to her etc

Fordham May 28th 1880.

Professor Ericson:

Dear Sir - I would
ask your attention to Column
headed 'New Inventions' in Scientific
American of May 29th in reference
to a Machine for fixing Railway
& other Spikes a uniform twist - Being
you intend extending your Road, I
desire to know whether you will
grant me an interview and allow
me to show you Specimens that I
think will satisfy you in regard
to the superiority of the twisted over
the straight Spike details of which
it is not possible to point fully
in a letter - They are now being used
by the C. P. R. R. and I shall be pleased
to show you reports from Engineers

Scaffham, Co. Mr. Lewis Roadmaster after you had seen Specimens and
and others. Mr Lewis says, they if you thought well of them to let
the as firm as when finish Mr Kim twist, the Spikes your
fast down, this is over Sixpence will have to use for the remainder
since. I appeal to you as an of the road you intend building
inventor of a high order and The twisting shall not cost anything
would state that the inventor of and he will pay freight both
this Machine is an inventor boys. Sir a word of approval from
of no mean pretension as for you will amount to a great
as Machinery goes and has made deal and be the means of doing
through his inventions fortunes a charitable act towards a brother
for many. He is a poor man and inventor. When I mentioned to a
well off in years and although friend that I intended seeing you
interested as far as inventive genius upon this affair, they laughed
he has no ability for business and said I would find that all
outside of that. I am a lady and fishness existed among men
have assisted him in a pecuniary way as well as any other class
way and when I spoke of your occupation, but I told them
Electrical Railway the idea I begged to differ, for it
seemed to me to address you truly great humanitarian Selfish he
in behalf of Mr Wilson and more poor not to be found

1st/ Fordham NY May 28, 81
Marie E Shay
a June 1, 80

Excuse this candle letter and hoping to receive a favorable response I am Sir

Yours Respectfully
Marie E. Shay
Co Kingsbridge Cook Manager
Berrian Mansion, Fordham

Bring him
~~He can come~~ any time

Elizabeth N.J.
July 22 80

Dear Sir

There is here in this town a young man who claims to have made a wonderful discovery of some motive power that can be applied to any kind of machine that is run by steam and he says, at less expense than has ever

been done before he
is very anxious to show
it to some one that
has capital and he says
he will convince them
in a very little time that
he can do what he says
now there is a machinist
at the Singer Mfg. Co.
who is trying very hard
to get him to work in the
shops down so as to get
from him what he knows
but I am acquainted
with him and would
like to have you see
him and talk with him
at Menlo Park for if

Elizabeth N.J. July 22, 80
Haleted Crane
Aug 9 80

he can do half that he pretends there is money to be made with a small outlay now if you think it worth your while to give him a hearing - please appoint a time either day or Evening and i will bring him to your house at Menlo - Please answer soon

Yours &c
Haleted Crane
134 Jefferson ave
Elizabeth N.J.

Gloucester, Mass.
Aug. 26th 1880.

Dear Sir

In the latter part of next month I am to address the County Agricultural Society on its 58th Anniversary.

I intend to make comparisons between its early days, its present, and future -

From the vast stride made in the use of electricity in practical usefulness, within a few years, I am sanguine enough to believe that in a not distant future, the farmer, by its means, will plow, till, reap, prepare and take to market the products of his soil.

Having taken great interest in your wonderful inventive genius and scientific attainments. I am induced to appeal to you as the best authority to know your opinion on the subject and if I am to be considered too sanguine.

I know how valuable your time must be and shall greatly appreciate your kindness in replying.

Very truly yours
David W. Low

Thomas A. Edison A. M.
Menlo Park
N. J.

Glass can be silvered in a vacuum by heating a strip of Zinc in front of the silver coated glass

Office of
# Dreyfuss & Sachs,
Importers and Manufacturers,
75 77 79 & 81 Duane Street,
New York, Aug 3R 1880

Edison.
Menlo Park. N. J.

Dear Sir

Knowing that you have great Knowledge in Electricity, I take liberty in asking you, whether or not you think it probable, that a piece of common window glass can be silvered (that is a looking glass made of same) — by using electricity in some shape or manner — to precipitate the Nitrate of Silver on the window glass. —

We are in the Looking Glass Plate business and use the Nitrate of Silver by dissolving same with Ammonia — and simply pouring this solution on to the glass, which lays on a warm steam table — and this is fairly satisfactorily to us — but I think, that this plan

p.t.o.

can be very much improved upon. I know nothing at all about electricity, but I should think, that for our purpose the electric fluid could be applied by bath or otherwise, similar to Nickel Plates work!

Whenever you are in the city, we should be most happy to have you call on us and should you deem it advisable to answer these lines, we should be under many obligations to you.

Very Resp. Yours

Please address

Bernard Dreyfuss.

of Dreyfuss & Sachs

75 to 81 Duane St.

New York City.

New York Aug 30. 80
Bernard Dreyfuss
Sept 4-80

Thomas A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park
New York City

My few lines to you is to ask if there is such an instrument or compass to be had, for the purpose of finding money. There are several Bazaars carried here & cannot be found without the assistance of said compass. I am aware that you are the only person of whom I can get information, & if to be had would cost of said be, & by letting me know at your convenience you will confer a favor to.

Your Most Obedient
Henry Oglesby

Box St. Louis Miss
Sept. 13 1880

Vossuch
opponents

Could not be dried by Electricity profitably

Burnsville Miss Sept 29
Answered Sept 30

FORM 100.

# Memphis and Charleston Railroad.

Burnsville Miss Station, Sept 27 1880

Col Thomas A. Edison
Menlo Park N J

Dear Sir

The idea strikes me that an invention could be made to dry lumber by electricity. Some dry houses for drying lumber use steam & some hot air from furnaces and it takes from 5 to 6 days to dry out a kiln of lumber thoroughly. Now if an invention could be made to turn on the electric current & dry the lumber uniformly say in 24 hours if not sooner you see it would be more faster would take well & it would save labor as it takes several men to watch a dry house when lumber is drying. Which if the invention I speak of could be effected the current could be turned on & left to itself until dry without any danger of the lumber being burnt up. If this could be done am satisfied it would be a profitable invention & big money could be derived from

from the invention

There's large sums of money invested in drying of lumber. Now for something that will dry it quick. These few remarks on the invention are merely ideas & thought I would draft them to you as you are a scientific man & could probably sift them into something practical & beneficial to the progressive age. I ask that you will forbear with these remarks if you find them worthless just cast them in your waste basket

I am very respy.

J. W. Jordan

Mo & R R

HAVANA, N. Y., November 19 1880

Mr Edison

I have no rights in the matter that is nothing to prevent you from New York. Experimenting with write you anything you desire to learn if you would permit me to use the glass tube in which I drew a pencil draft, to try an experiment with as a transmitter for my kind of a phone for hearing on that I have got up this week, and if you would let me try for an experiment but not

Havana Nov 19. 80

G Brambul

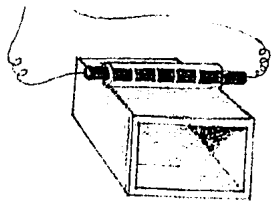
as to do any thing against your patent, and if you would like to see a draft of my phone I will send it you, please ans by return mail weather I can and if success I will let you have the phone to patent, will be greatly obliged for your favor.

Yours &c

Grant Brambel,

P.O. box 219.

Havana N.Y.



Washn D.C. Dec. 22/80
J. A. Mackenzie
Jany 4, 81

St. James Hotel,
Washington D.C. 22/Nov/80

Dear Sir,

I have tried some experiments in the aerial navigation line & intend to test the matter in Europe very soon attacks for my original efforts to adapt a suspended electric light.

About two months ago whilst in Edinburgh I received from the Secy. of the Aeronautical Society of France a diagram showing the most remarkable aerial machines designed from 1500 – 1880 (without gas). –

No. 50 is the invention of my father, the Hon. Secy. of the Aer. Soc. of Great Britain, & I have just succeeded in getting a patent for it. –

For another aerial vessel, which I am applying for on my own account, I have had the claims passed by the Patent Office; & I expect to more to be

allowed shortly.— As besides, I hope to give some lectures on aeronautics before returning to Britain; I am interested in every new aeronautical invention.— The reason I now write is that No. 53 (& last) on the list I got from Paris bears your name; but, as I cannot find it amongst the drawings or models in the Patent Office, there must be some mistake.—

In looking at your patents in the museum, I saw a newspaper extract pasted on one of the shelves,— giving some of your opinions on the probability of aerial navigation.—

Off amongst the vast number of your inventions, which I have been endeavouring to follow with very great interest for the last two years, anything appertaining to aerial machines has been published, I should feel greatly obliged by your informing me where its description is obtainable.—

If you take interest in the subject, I shall be glad to describe shortly the more prominent details of the machines I am interested in, & wherein it is claimed for them that they are better than their predecessors (as far as these have been made public).— Believe me

Yours faithfully,
John J. Mackenzie.—
C. E.—

**1880. Edison, T.A. - Articles (D-80-007)**

This folder contains letters requesting Edison to write articles; correspondence relating to articles about Edison or his inventions; and letters from journalists seeking to interview Edison at Menlo Park. Included is an article by Edison, "The Success of the Electric Light," published in the October 1880 issue of North American Review.

All the documents have been filmed.

N.Y. January 2nd 80
John Michels
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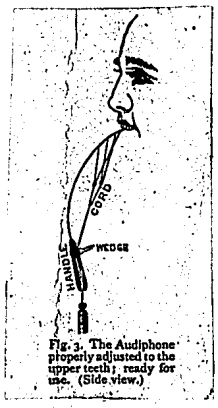

Fig. 3. The Audiphone properly adjusted to the upper teeth; ready for use. (Side view.)

767 Broadway N.Y.
Room 10: January 2nd 1880.

T. Thomas A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir,

I forwarded to the Cincinnati Enquirer my report of your new light on Tuesday last, and will send you a copy if I get one. — I will in any case watch its appearance and let you know. —

Dr Shady the Editor of the Medical Record has asked me to report

on Mr Richard P. Rhode's Audiphone. — I called today at Caswell, Hazard & Co who has the charge of them, but they declined to loan one to me to make independent and reliable tests — The whole surrounding and their behavior, suggests something wrong — —
In appearance it is a rubber Japanese fan, if you have seen one, or can tell me the true merits of the instrument I would be greatly obliged. —

Yours Respectfully
John Michels.
Cor. of Cincinnati Enquirer

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# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



A. R. BREWER, Sec'y NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated New York Jan 3 1880

Received at

To J H North

Sun Reporter

Please ask after the Chicago gas man who is visiting Mr Edison the object of his visit and its results

Sun

20 paid

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READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada.

(Form No. 4.)

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

REPLY TO YOUR

_____ Department,

Detroit Station, 4 Jany 1880 Sunday pm

Thos A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N J

My dear Al

Here I am sitting in Johny Thomas's Office at the Junction, it is now nine days since my arrival & I still live, The all absorbing topic in all circles here is Edison & his light vs Gas & the bloated Gas Stock holders, I sent you the Free Press of the 30th ult. in which appears what is represented as an interview with me but the fact is it was ~~I~~ a letter which I wrote to the Editor & which they saw fit to insert interrogatories which would give it the appearance of an interview but the language used by me was exactly as penned without the slightest change – if I made any false or improper assertions please advise me

[ON BACK OF PRECEDING PAGE]

Detroit Jan 7th 1860
J. H. McKenzie
Yours
E. Patch

Have them
ready for a
and pay
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(Form No. 4.)

Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

REPLY TO YOUR

_____ Department,

_____ Station, _____ 187

so that I may avoid such in future - In Post & Tribune of this date Fitch President of Mutual Gas Co here has very serious attack of Electric worms & gives vent to his very great suffering in the last column 1st page this I think you will say is the worst case of Gaseous Fever on record & it would give me a great deal of pleasure if you would either sit down & prescribe for him by answering him personally or get Mr Fox to do it under your direction & let it be fatal for a more cordially detested citizen does not reside in Detroit - if you entertain the suggestion please send me the answer so it may appear not later than in next Sunday Edition of Sam Roper. Will I have already succeeded far beyond my expectation & have secured the Co-operation of the heaviest & most reliable financial as well as the most successful and energetic business men in the state

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(Form No. 4.)

# Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada.

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_____ Station, _____ 187

I found an opposing element in the person of G.W. Balch who relied upon carrying the same parties with him in the same undertaking, based upon the promise (as he says) of Devlin Green & Tracy R. Edson that they would see he got it when the time came, after considerable talk &c he was told that upon no conditions would they (the parties in question) have anything to do with it unless Mr. Mackenzie advantage was acknowledged & recognized whereupon G.W.B caved in & accepted the situation. I expect to have my arrangements complete in a few days when I will return to N.Y. & soon after be followed by a delegation to investigate matters at Niagara. Have your lamps all been lighted continually since I left have any of them become dull or failed in any way as intimated by the Tribune have you changed the form of carbon & how – Have you yet succeeded in getting a carbon of a greater resistance

treatment & if so does it enable you to get an increased number of lights per H.P. & how many

When in your opinion could Detroit or any other city reasonably expect to be able to put in your system.

In perusing Mr Jerome's remarks in today's Tribune you might infer that I represented myself as your agent. This I wish you to understand I carefully avoid & have had much trouble & annoyance in consequence of such statements

Have send any articles of merit bearing of Electric or Gas which you can spare – Has Prof Morton condescended to visit you yet & what did he say. Now don't get out of patience with this long letter but deign to vouchsafe a reply to

Yours Sincerely

[illegible]

Address
Care Vernor Bros
33 Congress St W.
Detroit

Eb NY Jany 5 1880
Geo M Hopkins
Jany 8, 81

OFFICE OF THE
Scientific American,

O. D. MUNN,
A. E. BEACH.

No. 37 Park Row,

New York, Jan 5 1881

T. A. Edison.

My dear Sir.

I send herewith a proof of the dynamo article, also the tracing which does not represent the machine as it is on the block, the crank wheel is made smaller and the machine is changed in several particulars so that it is

more nearly correct.

As to the article I hope you will return it at the earliest possible moment and on no account delay returning it longer than Friday morning.

Mr Richardson is writing up our visit to your place last night and will undoubtedly give you a good "send off" I shall give him what facts I have in regard to the Camp

Inhach

Yours truly

Geo M. Hopkins

PS When will the motor be ready to show

M.M.H.

Only read hurriedly this a.m. return

EDITORS:
RICHARD P. ROTHWELL, *Mining Engineer.*
ROSSITER W. RAYMOND, *Ph.D., Mining Engineer.*
WILLIAM H. WAHL, *Ph.D., Department of Progress in Science and the Arts.*

EDITORIAL ROOMS OF THE
ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL,
No. 27 PARK PLACE.
P.O. Box 4404.

New York, Jan 6 1880

Dear Sir.

Referring to a paragraph in our last issue of the Journal, a copy of which I send you, I have had a number of protests against my assumption, that the Electric Light is a success in an economical sense. I would be greatly obliged to you if you would give me the data to answer our critics, by informing me of the actual amount of power expended in producing the light, and the data upon which your estimates of power are based.

I fully believe that economical electric lighting will be achieved one of these days, even if you have not already attained it, as I know there is a good deal of scepticism upon the subject, and it would stop a good deal of adverse criticism and insinuations were the actual facts, as to the cost published.

Yours Truly,
R.P. Rothwell

To Prof. Edison
Menlo Park.
N.J.

Furnished data to
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[illegible]
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Western Union Tel. Co.
Received at Salem, Post Office,
Uniontown
Jan 16. '80

My Dear Sir:-

After a protracted sickness, & an engagement at Weirton, just terminated, I now find myself, do for disengaged, & to avail myself of your kind offer to furnish me with some incidents in your life, in which the world is now so largely interested. If, therefore, you will do me the favor to name a time when you can give me an interview, I shall feel myself greatly obliged. Believe me, my Dear Sir, Very Truly Yours

Stephen D. Dallayo

Professor T. Edison
Inventor &c
Menlo Park
N. J.

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# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated New York Jan 22 1880

Received at

To T A Edison

Get tonights telegram and tomorrows Herald we have two columns cable opinions leading Paris scientists I put following special head to same "Edison sustained the great parisian savans believe in his discoveries Count De Mussel Nobody. the Editor of Lectricite says the Count deceived the public of the wisards great secrets. French scientist on the Carbonized horseshoe pigmies of science effectually silenced forever. How is this for high

CB Paid P.E.F. Edwin M Fox

Write him nice letter
say. ~~that~~ we are absolutely
~~I'm~~ driven to death
with work &
~~I'm~~ impossible to
do anything

THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW.
751 BROADWAY NEW YORK.

Jan 23. 1880.

Dear Mr. Edison,-

I was greatly disappointed in receiving from Mr. Upton yesterday a postal card in which he stated that he could not promise your article by the 1st of Feby next. As I cabled to Europe after seeing you at Menlo Park that the article was forthcoming it will be very embarrassing in many ways if we fail to publish it. It would seem to that the time was ripe for some official statement over your own signature. Please therefore do not disappoint us, and allow Mr. Upton to proceed with the preparation of your paper so that we can have it in due season.

Very Truly, yours,

John B. Barron,

Secretary.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison
Menlo Park
N.J.

THE EVENING TELEGRAM.

Office, No. 2 Ann St.,

(HERALD BUILDING.)

New York, Feb 3 1880

Mr Edison:

Dear Sir:

You were kind enough to say to Mr Fox, a representative of the Telegram, during a recent interview with you on the French criticisms of your great work of the electric light, that you would send a few of your lamps to Paris for inspection. Will you kindly let us know in this office when these lamps will be sent and oblige

Yours truly

Geo. Shand
City Editor

We expect to make copy about in a week or two as soon as lamps are received. Will phone you when ready.

The Scientific Publishing Company,
No. 27 PARK PLACE, P. O. Box 4404.
AUSTIN GALLAGHER, Pres't.
HENRY M. GEER, Sec'y.
PUBLISHERS OF { THE ENGINEERING and MINING JOURNAL (Weekly.) THE BRICK, POTTERY & GLASS JOURNAL (Monthly.)

New York, March 3rd 1880

T. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of Jan. 14th is before me. You there state, that you might be able to make known in a few weeks, your process for treating ores.

We are very much interested in this, and the writer would be glad to call and see you with reference to the matter upon any day you may name.

Very Truly Yours,

Edwin Bolitho

for the Eng & Mg. Jour'l

[*Demande pour des Renseignements Détaillés, etc.*]

*Philadelphia,* March 18 *1880.*

Mr. Thos. A. Edison
Menlo Park
N. Jersey

DEAR SIR:

The editor of "*La Chronique Industrielle,*" 15 rue des Halles, Paris, France, has asked me to prepare and forward, for free publication in that well-known scientific journal, concise notices of important American inventions, processes, machines, etc.

If you will kindly mail directly to the Paris address above given a good clear electrotype of your Improved Lamp & Vacuum Pump & of dynamo-electric machine

I will take pleasure in sending over the necessary description in French, immediately on receipt of your notification that the block has been sent. If the block be too heavy for mailing, Terkuile's Express, 49 Broadway, New York, will carry it at special rates, for a trifle; but express charges should be prepaid. It is best to send the editor a postal card stating what block you send, and by what mode and date.

I would be glad to have duplicate copies of whatever printed matter you have, bearing on the details of the subject, together with any written suggestions you might wish to make.

Very truly,

R. GRIMSHAW.

Address

ROBERT GRIMSHAW, M.E., PH.D.,
*Franklin Institute, Philadelphia.*

HALL OF THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE,
15 S. Seventh Street,

Philadelphia, 3/19 1880

Mr. Thos. A. Edison
Menlo Park
New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

I am asked to collect for the "Journal of the Franklin Institute" some practical items & recipes which would be of general interest in the Mechanic Arts, & can be vouched for as correct. Will you kindly send me at yr. earliest convenience, for the purpose named, one or more short, thoroughly practical "wrinkles" not generally known & which you hv. found of use to yourself & are willing to make public?

I will of course send

you a copy when published

Very truly, with respect,
Robert Grimshaw
per C.

Enclosed sheet s'hd interest you.

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NY Mar 19 80
T. B. Connery

E.S.
for milling no ans

# The Herald.

New York, March 19 1880

My Dear Sir

I intend if possible to pay another visit to Menlo Park to-morrow (Saturday) and if you can I would like you to have in tabulated form an account of the number of hours each lamp has been tried.

As the Sun & other papers are dribbling out facts about the milling affair. I would like also that you would permit us to publish an authorized statement about it. I intend to talk with me

a competent writer for the purpose of getting all the facts in good shape for publication.

I prefer our intended visit to remain unknown to anybody but yourself.

Yours

Thos B Mooney

All the Section A papers
for Saratoga vol. are now here
ready for make up with the
exception of one of your
No 80 Heat in vacuo. Will you
kindly return it at your
earliest convenience that the
printing may not be delayed

Respectfully
C. H. Watson
Ass. Ass. Ed.

Salem
March 24, 1880.

Proof with the
printed

Ore Milling
Mch 25:80
Herald

# The Herald.

New York, March 25 1880

Dear Mr Edison.

I forgot to ask Mr Griffin, your secretary, to hand you the accompanying MSS. about the tailings. It does not cover all the ground I desired for the first article. But I suppose it will do. As you wished to be allowed to see the article before publication I send it to you per bearer. Make whatever alterations you desire.

I would like to have it back with as little delay as possible yours

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P.S. I would like to have had a table showing how much was obtained by experimenting on the different kinds of specimens. In this article only one seems to be mentioned

NB

w/ R.U. Johnson
Ans. 30

EDITORIAL ROOMS
SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE
743 BROADWAY
NEW YORK.

March 29th, 1880.

Can't let Art with us bring out Electric Operation in Gas

Dear Mr Edison;

We note what the Herald then will give you says of this whole thing of your Milling Process.

We hope that in consideration of the unfortunate experience with "first show" at the other thing you will give us a chance to make the first presentation of this, with drawings.

With this understanding may our Mr. Barnard come out and see what you have? How about the Electro-Moto-Telegraph? Can we get something about that?

We have at last found you out! Read the inclosed, and tremble for your reputation with the Press !!!!!

Very truly yours,

R. U. Johnson.
Asst. Ed.

Does Fox sleep sweetly these nights?

NY Mch 31. 1880
S S Grant
No Ans

March 31 - 1880

Dear Sir, - Allow me to introduce to your acquaintance Mr. Frank Bellew, an artist connected with Harper's Weekly, who desires to see you with reference to an illustrated article.

Respectfully
B. B. Comrant
Editor Harper's Weekly

Mr. Thomas A. Edison

THE EVENING TELEGRAM.

**Office, No. 2 Ann St.,**

(HERALD BUILDING.)

New York April 13 1880

Dear Mr Edison:

In your letter of Feb 5 you kindly promised that we know when you would end your lamps to France. May I remind you of your promise again?

Yrs truly Geo F Shaw

6 Lamps have been sent to Switzerland, only 2 broke - some have been sent to England none yet to France but there will be soon

THE EVENING TELEGRAM.

Office, No. 2 Ann St.,

(HERALD BUILDING.)

EDISON'S ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Shipments of the Lamps to Foreign Countries.

Six of Mr. Edison's electric lamps which h
lately sent to Switzerland have arrived there. Two
them, however, were slightly broken while in transit
Mr. Edison has also sent several lamps to Englan
France has not received any as yet, but will in a shor
time.

New York April 17 1880

Mr Edison

Dear Sir

My best thanks for your prompt reply to my letter asking for information about lamps to be sent to France. Would you kindly send me word when you forward them with any explanations that you may have. Pray excuse the trouble I am causing you

Yours truly

G A Shaw

City Editor.

NY May 32 80
John R Sagredo
a May 6 80

New Copland Hotel
New York
May 3 / 80

Haven't the time to write yet —

Dear Sir. I am compiling a complete history of the various systems of electric lighting. that is of magneto & dynamo electric machines & lamps down to the present time. What I want to know is will you contribute something. giving what you consider the special ~~[illegible]~~ points that distinguish your system from all others. its advantages & cost etc etc according to the latest tests. I find it rather difficult work as the materials are so much diffused.

~~Since~~ I left Menlo Park I have been engaged almost

Solely in looking up all the details about electric lighting I made a very interesting discovery & that is that neither Siemens nor Alteneck are the inventors of the not-angular, or longitudinal method of winding an armature for which they claim & have got so much credit. I also found out something very interesting in regard to mining. something almost exactly the same as you propose to use. I came here to the city expecting to go to work for the Am. Union. In fact I had an idea of something new in the relay line but I am unable to do anything with it at present As the Am Union expect to prevent the judgement in the Page patent being entered up. I have not arrived at any decision yet what I will do I suppose it will depend on circumstances.

John R. Regnedor

# THE WABASH PLAIN DEALER.

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CIRCULATION APRIL 1st, 1880, 2,400.


Wabash, Ind., May 28th 1880.

Thomas A. Edison Esq.,

Dear Sir

We have always been a steadfast advocate of your electric light & other inventions. Your Electrical Railway is a wonderful invention & we should dearly like to republish the illustration of it from "Scientific American" of June 5th. Can you not send us an electrotype of that cut; we will publish it & the account of the railroad in full. We will use the electrotype carefully & promptly return. It is something that should be spread before the people in this region of level prairie roads. Please do this for us & we will deeply appreciate the favor

Yours Truly,

Theron P. Keator

Editor.

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Wabash, Ind., June 18th 1880.

Thos A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J.
Dear Sir

Your kind favor promising me the cut - electrotype of your Electrical Railroad for use in the Plain Dealer received June 4th but the electrotype has not yet arrived. Please forward by Express at my expense as soon as possible. We have reserved the first page for its location & description of the invention as soon as it arrives. We will use it very carefully & return promptly.

Very Truly Yours
Theron P. Keator

N. B.
The cut referred to is the one that appeared in Scientific American recently.

THE GRAPHIC COMPANY.

New York. July 23 1880

My Dear Sir

We have to thank you very much for your thoughtful kindness in sending us that copy of L'Aeronaute, of which as you have seen, we made good use.

This will be handed to you by our Mr. Morgan; and any facilities which you can give him in the execution of the purpose of his visit, will be appreciated by us.

Yours very truly
P. Girard
Editor of the Graphic

Thos. A. Edison Esq

Southampton L.I. Aug 12 '80

F E Leupp

a Aug 13

Dear Sir:

I am a provincial Editor on my travels. On my way home from this summer resort I shall pass through New York city; and it is my purpose, all things being agreeable, to run down to Menlo Park for an hour or so, and view with my natural eye the scientific wonder of which I have often written aided only by imagination. As I am restricted as to time, I take the liberty of enclosing a postal card, addressed to me here, on which I should be glad to have a line saying whether, if I should visit

your laboratory on Saturday, 21st August, or Monday, 23d, I could have a glimpse of your electric light machinery and the famous railway — and at what hours they are visible.

Trusting that I am not imposing too much on your oft-tried good nature, I remain

Very sincerely yours —

Francis E. Leupp.

Southampton, L.I., Aug. 12th/80.

JOURNAL
LE GOLFE DE NAPLES
DEUXIÈME ANNÈE
BUREAUX
Carminello a Toledo, 5

Naples September 5th 1880.

Sir,

With great pleasure I have received and admired your photographic portrait, and I thank you for this highly appreciated mark of kindness. To acknowledge my gratitude I have the honour to send you some Nos of the Golfe de Naples of to-day, in which I promise to the readers to reproduce in a neat No your likeness. - Now, in such a case, I should be very obliged to you if you would please to inform me beforehand of the number of copies you could like to have and favour me, for the No in question, with some biographical notices.

As to the importance of my newspaper, I want to declare that the Golfe de Naples is unic in its kind for the foreigners and touristy in Italy and most prized in all the clubs and reading-rooms in the best hotels of italian towns and Italy.

With the greatest admiration and devotion
the Director
Gaetano Fase

**THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW,**
NEW YORK, N. Y.

New York Sept. 15/80

Mr. Thomas A. Edison.

Dear Sir:

Will you please advise us what amount we shall send you in acknowledgment of your contribution to the October number of the North American Review, and very much oblige.

Very Truly Yours.

L. L. Metcalf, Bus. Mgr.

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**WESTERN UNION Telegraph OFFICE.**

New York Sept 17. 1880.

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Dear Sir.

Have just returned from the west and find your note. I will have your plates sent to you without delay. and shall ask engraver if it can be electrotyped. When I need copies for a second edition I will trust to your providing them. I have come out — $250. but do not regret my labor. Have only 12 copies left.

Yours truly

J. A. Reid

No
PATENT AGENCY OR MACHINERY
DEPOT
CONNECTED WITH THIS PAPER.

# THE INDICATOR.

WILLIAM M. BARR,
EDITOR.

An Illustrated Journal of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Science,

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept 22 1880

Thomas A Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J.

all right

Dear Sir

I read your paper in the Oct. No. Am. Rev. with pleasure, and I am so interested in the subject that I should like permission to reproduce it in the Oct. number of this journal giving you proper credit.

Respectfully
William M Barr

THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW,
NEW YORK, N. Y.

OK file

Sept. 29.

Dear Mr. Edison:

I have been absent from the city, hence the delay in replying to your note of the 17th. Please accept our very sincere thanks for the article on the electric light. We will send by next mail a lot of copies of the Review.

Very truly yours,

L. L. McCay, Bus. Mgr.

As requested time is valuable to send desired information

Boston Oct 13 80
E H Cadbourn
Oct 28

409 Washington St.,
Boston, Mass., Oct. 13, '80.

Mr. T. A. Edison,
Dear Sir:-
I propose shortly issuing a "Scientific Annual," to contain a brief notice of the most important scientific work of the year having a popular interest. If you would like to have reference made to any work done at your laboratory I shall be pleased to receive an account of

the same in popular and very brief form. As this annual will be sent to 7,000 American newspapers, which will copy from it largely, any information it may contain will be sure to reach a numerous audience, and be very extensively read by the general public. Any communication should be sent me at once.

Very Respectfully,

E. K. Chadbourn.

(1880)

Herald Office,
Boston, Aug Oct 24.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find an account of a new apparatus for lighting gas street lamps by electricity, which I fancy may be of interest to you. Bancroft, the inventor, is a former reporter on the Boston Herald, and I believe is the same man they sent to write up your light some months since.

Please be sure and inform me a full week in advance of the general lighting up which you spoke to me about the other day.

The bill of a fortnight sends her regards.

Yours, &c

Thomas Maguire,
Boston Herald Office.

Published Monthly. Volume 131. Number 4.

SIXTY-SIXTH YEAR.

THE

# NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW.

*EDITED BY ALLEN THORNDIKE RICE.*

October, 1880.



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# THE SUCCESS OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Not a little impatience has been manifested by the public at the seemingly unaccountable tardiness with which the work of introducing the "carbon-loop" electric lamp into general use has hitherto progressed. It is now several months since the announcement was made through the newspapers that all the obstacles in the way of the utilization of the electric light as a convenient and economical substitute for gaslight had been removed: that a method had been invented by which electricity for light or for power could be conveyed to considerable distances economically; that the current could be subdivided almost *ad infinitum;* and that the electric lamp was henceforth to be as manageable for household purposes as a gas-jet. But, so far as the public can see, the project has since that time made no appreciable advance toward realization. The newspapers have reported, on the whole with a very fair degree of accuracy, the results of the experiments made with this system of lighting at Menlo Park; scientific experts have published their judgments, some of them pronouncing this system to be the desiderated practical solution of the problem of electrical lighting which has vexed the minds of physicists since the day when Sir Humphry Davy produced his famous five-inch voltaic arc. Still it must be confessed that hitherto the "weight of scientific opinion" has inclined decidedly toward declaring the system a failure, an impracticability, and based on fallacies. It will not be deemed discourteous if we remind these critics that scientific men of equal eminence pronounced ocean steam-navigation, submarine telegraphy, and duplex telegraphy, impossibilities down to the day when they were demonstrated to be facts. Under the circumstances, it was very natural that the unscientific public should begin to ask whether they had not been imposed upon by the inventor himself, or hoaxed by unscrupulous newspaper reporters.

Now, the fact is, that this system of electrical lighting was from the first all that it was originally claimed to be, namely, a practical solution of the problem of adapting the electric light to domestic uses and of making it an economical substitute for gaslight. The delays which have occurred to defer its general introduction are chargeable, not to any defects since discovered in the original theory of the system or in its practical working, but to the enormous mass of details which have to be mastered before the system can go into operation on a large scale, and on a commercial basis as a rival of the existing system of lighting by gas.

With the lamp and generator which at the time of the first announcement it was proposed to use, the electric light could have been made available for all illuminating purposes as gas is now; the expense would have been considerably less with the electric light; the lamp would have been quite as manageable as a gas-burner. But, fortunately, the unavoidable delay interposed by administrative and economic considerations afforded opportunity for further research and experiment, and the result has been to introduce many essential modifications at both ends of the system—both in the generator and in the lamp; at the same time sundry important changes, all in the direction of economy and simplification, have been made at almost every point in the system, as well as in the details of manufacturing the apparatus.

As for the lamp, it has been completely transformed. The external form of the two types of lamp is identical; the principle of illumination—incandescence of a solid body *in vacuo*—is also the same; but, in the earlier lamp, light was produced by the incandescence of a platinum wire wound on a spool of zircon; in the perfected lamp the source of light is incandescent carbon. Another essential difference between the two is found in the form given to the incandescent body: in the platinum lamp it was coiled compactly on a small spool; in the carbon lamp it is a loop some five inches in total length. This incandescent loop is found in practice to afford a better light for domestic purposes than an incandescent mass of compact form: the shadows it casts are not so sharply defined, their edges being softened.

This loop of carbon is now prepared from the fiber of a cultivated species of bamboo from Japan. A thread of this material, after undergoing a certain chemical process, is bent into the required shape, and then reduced to carbon. The resulting carbon loop is of a remarkably homogeneous structure, and possessed of a high degree

of tenacity, so that it can withstand, without breaking, all the concussions it is likely to be subjected to in household use.

The perfected lamp consists of an oval bulb of glass about five inches in height, pointed at one end, and with a short stem three quarters of an inch in diameter at the other. Two wires of platinum enter the bulb through this stem, supporting the loop or ∩-shaped thread of carbon, which is about two inches in height. The stem is hermetically sealed after the introduction of the carbon loop. At its pointed end the bulb terminates in an open tube through which the air in the bulb is exhausted by means of a mercury-pump till not over one millionth part remains; the tube is then closed. The outer extremities of the two platinum wires are connected with the wires of an electric circuit, and at the base of the lamp is a screw by which the circuit is made or broken at pleasure. When the circuit is made, the resistance offered to the passage of the electric current by the carbon causes the loop to acquire a high temperature and to become incandescent; but, as this takes place in a vacuum, the carbon is not consumed. The "life" of a carbon loop through which a current is passed continuously varies from seven hundred and fifty to nine hundred hours. With an intermitted current, the loop has an equal duration of life; and, as the average time an artificial light is used is five hours per day, it follows that one lamp will last about six months. Each lamp costs about fifty cents, and when one fails another may easily be substituted for it.

The light is designed to serve precisely the same purposes in domestic use as gaslights. It requires no shade, no screen of ground glass, to modify its intensity, but can be gazed at without dazzling the eyes. The amount of light is equal to that given by the gas-jets in common use; but the light is steadier, and consequently less trying to the eyes. It is also a purer light than gas, being white, while gaslight is yellow. Further, the electric lamp does not vitiate the surrounding atmosphere by consuming its oxygen, as gaslights do, and discharging into it the products of combustion. The heat emitted by the lamp is found to be only one fifteenth of that emitted by a gaslight of equal illuminating power: the glass bulb remains cool enough to be handled. Of course, there are here no poisonous or inflammable gases to escape, and the danger of fire is reduced to *nil*, with a consequent reduction of the rate of insurance. Again, this light, unlike gas, is always of uniform quality. A sort of meter registers exactly the amount

of electricity consumed in each house. Finally, not to enumerate all the advantages which this system possesses over gas-lighting, the lamp can be manipulated even by the most inexperienced domestic servant; nor can the most careless person do injury to himself, to others, or to property, through not understanding its mechanism.

Another important modification of the system, introduced since the latest authorized account of the light was published, is the substitution of dynamo-machines for magneto-machines in the stations from which the electricity is to be supplied to the several districts of a city. Here, again, the change is entirely in the direction of simplicity and economy. Where before it was proposed to furnish a station with one hundred magneto-machines with a multiplicity of belts and shafting, we now make ten dynamos of 120-horse power, each worked directly by a 120-horse-power engine. We thus do away with a very considerable loss of power, and at the same time the outlay for machinery is very much lessened.

With these and other modifications of the system, which need not be particularized here, it may be safely affirmed that the limit of economy, simplicity, and practicability has been reached. The time for experiment has passed; any further improvements to be made in the system must be suggested by its performance when put to the test of actual use on a large scale.

To the question which is so often asked, When will a public demonstration of the working of this system be made? we would reply that such a demonstration will in all probability be made at Menlo Park within two months from this date. The time which has elapsed since the preliminary demonstration of last January has been by no means a season of inaction for the promoters of this enterprise. There is a vast gulf between the most successful laboratory experiment possible and the actualization of the results of that experiment in a commercial sense. A prodigious amount of work was necessitated by the establishment of factories for producing the lamps, the generators, and the other essential parts of the system in large quantities, so as to be able to supply the first demand. We were about to enter a field that was practically unexplored, and, even on a preliminary survey, problems of the most complex kind arose on every side. These had to be solved before the first step could be taken toward the actual introduction of the light into our cities as a substitute for gas. The practical engineer and the man of business can best appreciate the difficulties that had to

be overcome. Like difficulties have in the past retarded the general introduction of nearly all the great mechanical and chemical inventions. Years intervened between the discovery of photography and the taking of the first photograph; the steam-engine, the steamboat, the locomotive-engine, did not come till long years after the discovery of their scientific principles; the same is true of the telegraph.

But preparations are being actively made for placing this system of electric lighting within reach of the people in all the great centers of population throughout the United States. To this end, cities are being mapped and divided into districts, each to be supplied with electricity from a central station; estimates are being made of the exact cost of plant in the different cities; contracts are being negotiated for the manufacture on a large scale of engines, dynamos, lamps, wire, and all the other supplies needed for the practical introduction of the system throughout the country; men are being trained to put up the plant of central stations, to run the machines, and to execute all the details of the introduction and working of the system.

A very important question is that of the cost of this light. The price of the electric light will, of course, be determined by the capitalists who invest their money in it as a business venture, but it will of necessity be low as compared with gaslight, though it will vary according to the original cost of plant, the demand in any given locality, and other conditions. It is not at present the intention of the company controlling the patents on this system to supply the light directly to consumers. The company will erect the first station in New York City, and will themselves conduct that station; but the other stations in New York, as well as in the other cities throughout the United States, will be managed by local companies, who will pay a royalty to the Electric Light Company for the right to use the system.

So much can be safely affirmed, that this light can be sold at a price which will make competition on the part of the gaslight companies impossible: 1. Because the total investment in plant to develop a given quantity of light is much less; 2. Because the depreciation of plant is much less; 3. Because the cost for labor employed is very much less than in gas-works; 4. Because the electric-light companies will not have to make any dead investment in large areas of real estate; it is not even necessary to erect buildings specially to serve as stations, for the ordinary buildings, such

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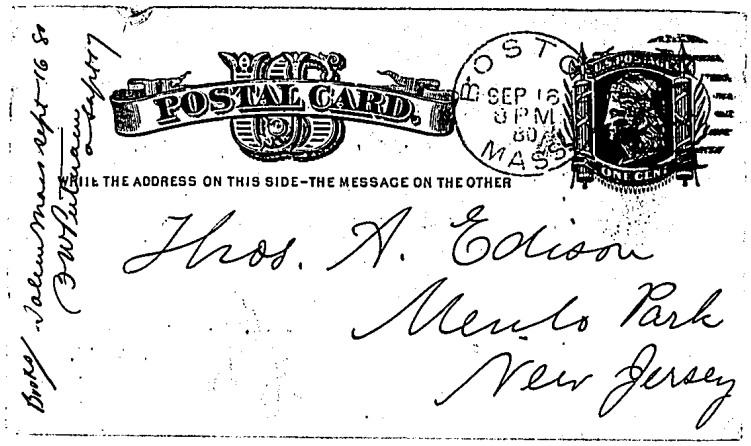
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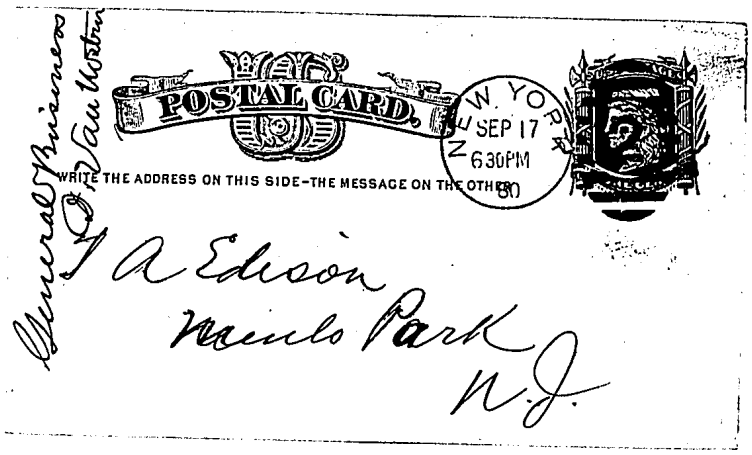
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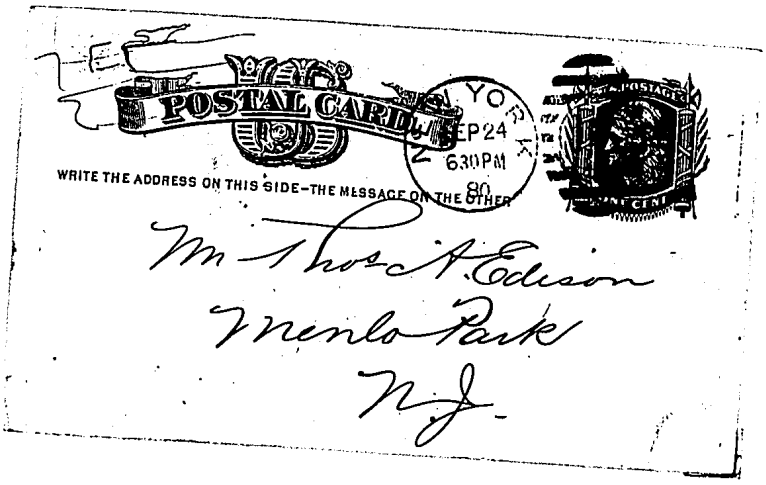
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

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San Francisco Cal. ~~Washington, D. C.~~ Oct. 12th, 1880.

Hon. W. A. McPherson,
U. S. Senator,
Seabright, N. J.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge your communication of Sept. 21st, enclosing a letter from Thos. A. Edison, requesting copy of "Geological Exploration of the 40th Parallel."

I have forwarded Mr. Edison's request to the Chief of Engineers, U.S.A., (by whom the volumes are distributed,) and am in hopes that he will be able to furnish them.

Very respectfully yours,

Clarence King

Director.

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U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Office,

Washington, Oct. 14, 1880.

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Yours respectfully
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U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Office,

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Dear Sir:

To meet the request made in your letter – without date –, a copy of Sigsbee's "Deep-Sea Sounding and Dredging" has been forwarded by this day's mail to T. A. Edison, Esq^re., Menlo Park, New Jersey – by direction of the Superintendent.

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Washington, D. C., October 28, 1880.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison,
Menlo Park, N. J.

Sir:

The Director of the U. S. Geological Survey has referred to this Office your letter of the 20th Sept. last, addressed to Senator McPherson, requesting a set of the Reports of the Survey of the 40th Parallel. In reply thereto I am directed by the Chief of Engineers to say that volumes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and Geological and Topographical Atlas are sent to you by registered mail this date, from a few copies reserved for colleges, libraries, &c. Volume 7 has not yet been published.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Henry H. Ludlow
Major of Engineers.

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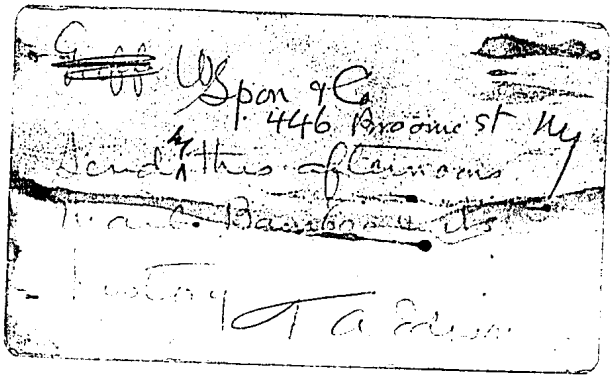


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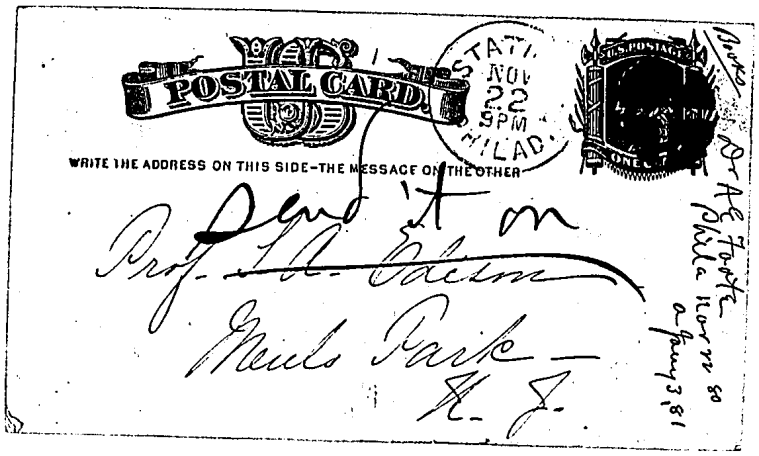
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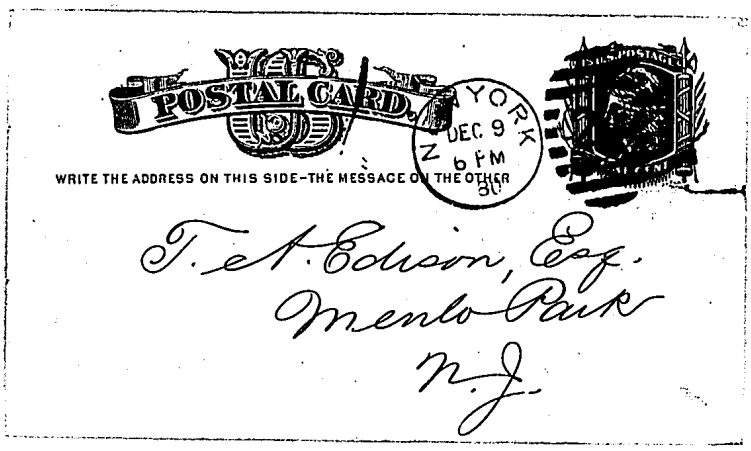
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Prof. T. A. Edison.

Dear Sir, It has been suggested by a number of pretty prominent Engineers that an Association of Mechanical Engineers would be desirable. This thought is endorsed by Leavitt, Holley, Thurston, Porter, Buel, Emery, Ayrstrom and many others; and Mr. Bailey assures me that he thinks you would interest yourself in the matter if you could be assured that it was to be a National Association. Of the 30 or 40 who have

been consulted on the matter and who represent all parts of the country all express themselves as heartily in favor of the move, and a meeting to which you are hereby invited is called at the office of the American Machinist, 96 Fulton St., New York Feb. 16th, 1880 at 10 o'clock sharp, for the purpose of taking steps for organizing such a Society.

Very Truly Yours,
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# The American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

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NEW YORK, *March* 15, 1880.

DEAR SIR:

A meeting, to organize THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, will be held at 11 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday, April 7, in the Hall of the Stevens Institute, Hoboken, N. J.* You are invited to attend.

At a preliminary meeting of engineers, held in New York, on February 16, a code of Rules was unanimously recommended for the consideration of a committee on organization, to be appointed by the chairman, who was also to be a member. This committee is: HENRY R. WORTHINGTON, ECKLEY B. COXE, JACKSON BAILEY, GEN. Q. A. GILLMORE, PROF. WM. P. TROWBRIDGE, M. N. FORNEY and ALEX. L. HOLLEY.

The following committee to nominate officers was appointed by the meeting: PROF. JOHN E. SWEET, E. D. LEAVITT, JR., CHARLES T. PORTER, HENRY R. WORTHINGTON and ALEX. L. HOLLEY.

These committees will report to the meeting on April 7; rules will also be adopted, and officers elected.

The chairman of the preliminary meeting was requested to call the meeting for organization.†

In the Rules recommended at the preliminary meeting, it was provided that candidates for admission as Members, Associates and Juniors, shall present to the Council brief written statements of their qualifications for admission. (See appendix.) After correspondence with a large and representative number of the attendants at the preliminary meeting, the chairman believes it to be the general wish that all persons, including the attendants at the preliminary meeting, who desire admission to the Society, shall present such statements to the Council to be elected April 7, in order that the standard of qualification which may then be adopted shall apply equally to all who are admitted.

Yours respectfully,

A. L. HOLLEY,

*Chairman of the Preliminary Meeting.*

* Reached by ferry from Barclay Street and Christopher Street, New York.

† Anticipating a large attendance, he first applied to Dr. MORTON, President, for the use of the large hall of the Stevens Institute, as a convenient and suitable place. Dr. MORTON at once put the Institute Building at the disposal of the Society.

# APPENDIX.

**Extracts from the rules recommended by the preliminary meeting to the Committee on Organization.**

## MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 2. The Society shall consist of Members, Honorary Members, Associates and Juniors.

ART. 3. Members and Honorary Members shall be professional Mechanical, Civil, Military and Mining Engineers and Architects.

ART. 4. To be eligible as a *Member*, the candidate must have been in the practice of his profession for at least seven years, not merely as a skillful workman, but as qualified to design and execute engineering work, and he must have been in responsible charge of work in his branch of engineering.

ART. 5. *Honorary Members*, not exceeding 25 in number, may be elected. They must be persons of acknowledged professional eminence, who have virtually retired from practice.

ART. 6. To be eligible as an *Associate*, the candidate must have such a scientific or commercial connection with applied science, as will qualify him to co-operate with engineers in the advancement of professional knowledge.

ART. 7. To be eligible as a *Junior*, the candidate must have been in the practice of engineering for at least two years, or he must be a graduate of an engineering school. [The term "Junior" applies to the professional experience, and not to the age of the candidate. Juniors may become eligible to membership.]

ART. 8. All Members and Associates shall be equally entitled to the privileges of membership, provided that Honorary Members who are not also Members or Associates, and Juniors, shall not be entitled to vote, nor to be Members of the Council.

## FEES AND DUES.

ART. 18. The initiation fee of Members and Associates shall be $15, and their annual dues shall be $10 per year, payable in advance at the annual meeting, *provided* that persons elected at the meeting following the annual meeting shall pay $8, and persons elected at the meeting preceding the annual meeting shall pay $4, as dues for the current year. The initiation fee of Juniors shall be $10, and their annual dues shall be $5 per year, payable in advance. Any Member or Associate may become, by the payment of $150 at any one time, a life Member or Associate, and shall not be liable thereafter to annual dues.

(The rules also provide that the annual meeting shall be held in New York, but that the two other regular meetings shall be held where and when the Council may determine.)

Am. Society of Civil Engrs

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers,

96 FULTON STREET,

New York, Apl 15 1880.

Dear Sir:

I have been requested to inform you that your application will be placed in the hands of the Council at their first meeting.

Very Respectfully,

Lycurgus B. Moore Treas.

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Frederick City 4. 22. 1880.

Prof. Edison

Dear Sir

May I have the pleasure of informing you, that you are elected as an honorary member of the "Sodalitas Fredericopola," of which acceptance you will please acknowledge. We also solicit a small contribution to help our fund.

We remain very Resp.

E. D. Schriner Secy.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE,
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DEAR SIR:

The Council of the Society at a meeting held in New York, April 19, resolved to publish in pamphlet form as soon as possible, the names and addresses of the officers, members, associates and juniors of the Society; also the Rules as adopted by the organizing meeting, April 7, 1880. It is believed that the distribution of this pamphlet will advance the interests of the Society more than any thing else that can be done prior to the annual meeting in November. For this purpose immediate funds are necessary. When remitting for the enclosed Bill, please address the Treasurer of the Society, giving accurate particulars of your title, firm, or occupation, also, your full post office address, for publication in the catalogue of the Society.

The Committee also request that you will kindly forward them at the earliest date possible, (if not already forwarded) a written statement of your professional experience and various business connections, as required by the Rules of the Society.

Respectfully Yours,

LYCURGUS B. MOORE,

*Treasurer*

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# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

## TWENTY-NINTH MEETING,

### TO BE HELD AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AUGUST, 1880.

In conformity with the vote at the last meeting, the Twenty-ninth Meeting of the Association will be held at Boston, Mass., commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M., on *Wednesday the 25th of August*, 1880. A large and efficient Local Committee has been formed and through its several subcommittees is engaged in perfecting the local arrangements for the meeting, which will be announced by special circular as early as possible. It is only necessary to state here that the members of the committee are desirous of doing everything in their power to promote the objects of the Association. As it is generally believed that the Boston meeting will be the largest and probably the most important hitherto held by the Association, every effort will be made by the officers of the Association residing in Boston and vicinity, coöperating with the Local Committee, to prepare a satisfactory general programme for the week (subject to the approval of the Standing Committee) in advance of the meeting, the substance of which will be given in the circular of the Local Committee. To this end several votes were passed at the last meeting of the Standing Committee in Saratoga, and the attention of members is particularly directed to the new clause in relation to titles of papers; also to the probable necessity of forming additional subsections.

The Headquarters of the Association will be at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where members will register as soon as possible after arrival. The Hotel Vendôme, corner of Commonwealth Ave. and Dartmouth St., has been selected for Hotel Headquarters.

The offices of the Local Committee and of the Permanent Secretary will be at the Institute of Technology. The General Sessions will be held in Huntington Hall in the same building. The several Sections, Subsections and Committees will have their places of meeting designated on the programme for Wednesday.

The circular which will soon be issued by the Local Committee will contain full information in relation to Hotels and Boarding Houses in Boston and vicinity with which special arrangements have been made.

The *Permanent Subsection of Chemistry* will be continued at Boston under the chairmanship of Prof. John M. Ordway, of Boston.

The *Permanent Subsection of Microscopy* will be presided over by Prof. S. A. Lattimore, of Rochester, and the active coöperation of microscopists is requested. Arrangements have been made for the proper care of instruments, etc.

The *Permanent Subsection of Anthropology* will be under the chairmanship of Prof. J. W. Powell, of Washington. For special circular and information in relation to this subsection, address Judge J. G. Henderson, *Secretary*, Winchester, Ill.

The attention of entomologists is directed to the annual meeting of the Entomological Club of the Association, which will be held at the rooms of the Boston Society of Natural History at 2 o'clock, on Tuesday, August 24th, at which all interested are invited to be present. Mr. S. H. Scudder, of Cambridge, President, Mr. B. P. Mann, of Cambridge, Secretary of the Club. (A special circular concerning this meeting will be sent to all requesting it.)

At the Saratoga meeting the desirability of forming a new subsection in the Association, which should be devoted to *Physiology* and *Anatomy*, was discussed with the special object of inducing members interested in Human Physiology to bring their papers before the Association and also of obtaining the active coöperation of Physicians and Surgeons in the work of the Association. The interest taken in the proposition at Saratoga was such that a permanent organization of the new subsection is expected

at the Boston meeting. It will also, probably, be found necessary to form a subsection of Geology and Physical Geography at the Boston meeting.

Several excursions will be arranged for by the Local Committee. Among others, one is planned for Salem and another down the Harbor. On Thursday, the Association will probably hold a morning session in Cambridge, after which visits will be made to the various departments and Museums of the University, followed by a reception at the Botanic Garden and the Observatory in the evening.

All communications relating to the local arrangements for the Boston meeting must be made to the *Local Secretaries* at Boston, while all matters relating to membership and to the presentation of papers will be attended to by the *Permanent Secretary*.

Attention is specially requested to the following articles of the Constitution of the Association.

ART. 3. Any person may become a Member of the Association upon recommendation in writing by two members or fellows, nomination by the Standing Committee, and election by a majority of the members and fellows present in general session.

(Blank forms for recommendation to membership will be furnished on application to the Permanent and Local Secretaries, and, until the day of the meeting, they will receive the recommendations for the General Secretary; after the meeting has begun, recommendations must be given to the General Secretary.)

ART. 4. Fellows shall be nominated by the Standing Committee from such of the members as are professionally engaged in science, or have by their labors aided in advancing science. The election of fellows shall be by ballot and a majority vote of the members and fellows present in general session.

ART. 5. Any person paying to the Association the sum of one thousand dollars shall be classed as a Patron, and shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member and to all its publications.

ART. 7. The name of any member or fellow two years in arrears for annual dues shall be erased from the list of the Association, provided that two notices of indebtedness, at an interval of at least three months, shall have been given; and no such person shall be restored until he has paid his arrearages or has been reëlected.

ART. 33. The admission fee for members shall be five dollars in addition to the annual assessment. On the election of any member as a fellow an additional fee of two dollars shall be paid.

ART. 34. The annual assessment for members and fellows shall be three dollars.

ART. 35. Any member or fellow who shall pay the sum of fifty dollars to the Association, at any one time, shall become a Life Member, and as such shall be exempt from all further assessments, and shall be entitled to the Proceedings of the Association. All money thus received shall be invested as a permanent fund, the income of which shall be used only to assist in original research, unless otherwise directed by unanimous vote of the Standing Committee.

ART. 36. All admission fees and assessments must be paid to the Permanent Secretary, who shall give proper receipts for the same.

ART. 27. All members and fellows must forward to the Permanent Secretary, as early as possible, and when practicable before the convening of the Association, full titles of all the papers which they propose to present during the meeting, with a statement of the time that each will occupy in delivery, and also such abstracts of their contents as will give a general idea of their nature; and no title shall be referred by the Standing Committee to the Sectional Committee until an abstract of the paper or the paper itself has been received.

(Blank forms for giving the titles and abstracts of papers will be furnished by the Permanent Secretary on application. The Standing Committee particularly request, in order to facilitate the arrangement of the programme, that the titles and abstracts should be forwarded so as to reach the Permanent Secretary *before August ninth*. At the Saratoga meeting the *Permanent Secretary* was instructed *not to enter*, on the list of papers to be presented, any titles of papers until an abstract of the paper, or the paper itself, was received.)

Notice of errors in the printed list of Members of the Association, of change of address, and information respecting the decease of Members, should be sent to the Permanent Secretary in order that due notice may be taken of the same in the next volume of "Proceedings." It is particularly requested that the Permanent Secretary be notified at once of any errors in the names and addresses that will be given in the list in the Saratoga volume, as a revised edition of the list will be printed for circulation at the Boston meeting.

The Saratoga volume (vol. 28) will soon be distributed by mail to every member who has paid the assessment for the Saratoga meeting.

The volumes of the Proceedings of the Association (28 in number) can be obtained from the Permanent Secretary, at the price of $1.50 a volume; or any member wishing for ten or more volumes, in order to complete a set, may obtain them at $1 00 a volume. The volumes may be had bound in cloth for the extra price of 50 cts. each, or in one-half Turkey morocco for the extra price of $1.00 each. Uniform cloth covers for the volumes will be furnished by mail at 30 cts. each, or by express or at the meetings for 25 cts. each. Copies of Volumes 2 and 26 will be received in exchange for other volumes or will be purchased at $1.00 each.

The Memoir on Fossil Butterflies, by Mr. S. H. Scudder, published by the donation of Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, 4to, 1875, will be furnished at $2.00 a copy. The Transactions of the Association of Geologists and Naturalists, 1 vol., 8vo, 1843, bound in cloth, can be obtained at $3.00 a copy.

It will save much time and confusion at the meeting if members will send their assessments *in advance* to the Permanent Secretary, in return for which a Member's ticket, bearing a receipt for the Boston meeting, will be forwarded. Members not intending to be present at Boston are particularly requested to send their assessment in advance, and to those who specially request the same a copy of the Boston Daily Programme will be mailed.

The address of the PERMANENT SECRETARY will be *Salem*, Mass., *until August 1st;* after that time, and until the meeting has adjourned, his office will be at the MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, *Boston, Mass.*

F. W. PUTNAM,

SALEM, MASS., June 15, 1880. *Permanent Secretary.*

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*From the Association at large.*—Six Fellows to be elected on the first day of the meeting.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Constitution requires that the Standing Committee shall meet on the *day preceding* each Annual meeting of the Association and arrange the programme for the first day of the session. There will therefore be a meeting of the Standing Committee at the INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Boston, on *Tuesday*, AUGUST 24th, at 11 A. M., at which it is expected that every member of the Committee will be present, if possible.

By order of the President a Special Meeting of such members of the Standing Committee as can conveniently attend is hereby called at the INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Boston, on August 9th, at 11 o'clock.

F. W. PUTNAM, *Perm. Sec'y.*

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# American Association for the Advancement of Science.

OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY.

~~August~~, 1880.

The rules of the Association require that the names of all members and fellows TWO YEARS in arrears for annual dues shall be dropped from the list of members and not restored until all arrearages have been paid, but as it is very desirable to have a special statement made by those intending to withdraw from the Association, this notice is sent to all those not over four years in arrears, with the hope that many, thus in arrears through inadvertence, will remit the amount due and have their names continued on the list of members. The payment of the assessment of $3.00 entitles the member to a copy of the volume of Proceedings for the meeting corresponding to the assessment paid. Any member may become a life member by the payment of $50.00, and is thereafter entitled to the annual volume of Proceedings.

The Boston ~~Meeting will begin on August 25th. The assessment for that meeting can be paid in advance.~~

F. W. PUTNAM, *Permanent Secretary, A. A. A. S.*,

You are on the books of the Association as in arrears for the following Meetings:

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|---|---|
| BUFFALO, 1876, | $3.00 |
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| Boston | 3.00 |

N. B. The address of the ~~Permanent Secretary~~ is ~~Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass.~~, through the present month; afterwards, SALEM, MASS.

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**1880. Edison, T.A. - Creditors (D-80-013) [not filmed]**

This folder contains correspondence relating to unpaid bills.

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This folder contains correspondence from or about employees and prospective employees.

All letters that contain a significant response by Edison or that are from individuals associated with Edison have been filmed, as well as correspondence from individuals who were subsequently employed by Edison. Approximately one-third of the documents have been filmed.

The Anglo-American Telegraph Company.
[LIMITED.]

1st Clerk man
Chas Cuttriss
a Journeyman 1880

Dunkirk Station, Jan 3rd 1880

Dear Sir.

I wish to get employment in some electrical works, If you have a vacancy in your laboratory I should like to fill it. I am at present in the Anglo American Tel Co. Dunkirk as Mechanician, have been here 10½ years. I have a practical knowledge of Electricity, Testing etc; as well as the principle electrical instruments. Have entire charge of the working of this station. Am of an inventive turn of mind. My improvements in Cable insts have been in use here for 5 years Present Salary $1200 per annum - Married. Can come on for interview if you wish it. In case you should wish to employ me, I should have to give my present employers due notice.

Yours Truly,
Chas Cuttriss.

To Thos. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park.

Can give you a position I think in less than 60 days at a better Salary. will notify you

30 days according if I can get you the position in Electric Light

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., Jan 4th 1880.

May Wilbur
519 7th St
Washington D.C.

Can we have the man you spoke to carman for the factory and when

Edison

Phila Jany 6th
Wm Holzer
A Jany 7

Philada Jany 6th 1880

Thos Edison Esq.
Dear Sir.

Reading an extract from the Hartford Times, that you had in your employ a German Glass-Blower, brought over from the works where the Geissler tubes are made, I concluded to write to you upon that subject. I have had 15 years practical experience in Glass-Blowing and up to a few years since carried on the largest establishment in Philada manufacturing Glassware by Blow-Pipe, for chemical & philosophical purposes and have also made a large number of Geissler tubes.

Being out of business at present I am open to an engagement should you at any time require my services in the manufacture of your Lamps etc. I would be pleased to hear from you either by letter or if you so desire will come on for an interview.

Very Respectfully

Wm Holger

1313 Market St Philada

KAY, McKNIGHT & CO.,
**Machinery and Supplies,**
80 WATER STREET,
PITTSBURGH, PA.

Jan 6th 1880.

Thos. A. Edison Esq
Menlo. Park N.J.

Dear Sir:

Among your many and varied enterprises, do you think you could find a place for me, I am as you know a machinist by trade, ~~and~~ an engineer by education ~~and~~ practice, I have been a salesman ever since I became acquainted with you. which was, when you were over Gould's shop,

I can make a living out here but no more, and the climate does not suit my families health, and therefore I want (over)

app. W S Jarbo
Jan 6 1888
to go East again,

I am willing to work both night and day at anything that will pay for hard work,

Yours

3 1/2 Walter S. Jarbo
formerly
"Old emery wheels"

6,

Address.
145 Sheffield St
Alleghany Pa,

Philada Jany 8th 80

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park N. J.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 5th came to hand. In reply would say that I will call on you on Monday or Tuesday of next week

Very Respectfully
Wm Holzer

A Glassblower from Phila
TAE wrote for him

op NY Feby 11, 80
Wm M Allison
Ans'd Feb 12, 80
(good strong letter)

New York, Feb. 11th 1880.

Mr. Thos. A. Edison,
Menlo Park, N. J.
Dear Sir,

I am a Civil Engineer by education & profession & am desirous of obtaining a position in your business or with some one of the concerns in which you are interested. I was for some time with Mr. Hamilton E. Towle, Civil & Mfg Engineer & Patent Expert. I went to Europe for him & remained there a year attending to his foreign patent business, making contracts, & introducing patents. I travelled in England,

Germany, France, Switzerland Belgium & Holland. I graduated at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as a Civil Engineer & have in consequence a thorough theoretical knowledge of electricity & machinery. I also have a practical knowledge of both by experience. I am a fair telegraph operator & understand the erection & ~~opera~~ management of telegraph lines, as I have done both. I am a good draughtsman in every particular. I am now with Mr. Samuel Hay, Mechanical Engineer Cor. Broadway & John St. - this city. Mr. Soden who is about to sail for Europe for you is acquainted with friends of mine; John Ott, machinist, now with you was with Mr. Towle while I was & will probably remember me; Mr. Charles Cheever is also well acquainted with those who know me in & business & private life one of whom is Mr. John B. Benton 30 Cortlandt St., Civ. & Mechan. Eng. I can give you any amount of reference as to character & ability: I will only mention R. G. Eunson, C.E. 196 B'way, & Mr. J. R. Smith Vice Prest. Star Fire Ins. Co. 141 B'way, & Messrs Haseltine, Lake & Co. patent attorneys 8 Southampton Bldgs, London, E.C. England. Trusting that in case you have no vacancy you will put this application on file I remain

Respectfully yours
William M. Allaire.

358 W. 32nd St.

The Anglo-American Telegraph Company,

[LIMITED.]

Duxbury Station, Feb 13th 1880

Dear Sir,

You requested me to drop you a line today, to remind you of my application for a position. See my letter of 3rd ult. If you still have same position in view, I should, at your convenience, like to see you personally about it.

Yours Truly,
Chas Cutting.

To T. A. Edison Esq,
Menlo Park.

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Brown Alyres
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Fordham, New York City.
March 23, 1880.

Mr. Thos. A. Edison,
My dear sir.-
I write to inquire if you have any vacancy in which you could make use of my services - I am, as I believe you are aware a graduate of the Stevens Institute and have quite lately been a Fellow of the Johns Hopkins University. - If you have need of any such help as I could afford you - I would be glad of an opportunity to state my qualifications more in detail either personally or by letter. - I will only say I am familiar with telegraphic

work - instruments & measurements
- and am a fair horse operator
A word in reply will oblige
Very truly yours -
Brown Ayres.

New York Mch. 26th 1880.

Prof. Thos. A. Edison,
Menlo Park, N. J.

Dear Sir,

Several weeks since I made application to you for employment by a letter which you were so kind as to answer, saying you would place my application on file. I beg to submit the enclosed note with its indorsement which if you will also kindly consider & place on file I shall be much obliged to you.

Respectfully yours,
William H. Allaire.

358 W. 32nd St.

[ENCLOSURE]

DODGE, POTTER & CO.,
BANKERS
AND
COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

34 PINE STREET,

Stenographic Letter of Partner.

NEW YORK, March 25 1880

Dear Sir,

The bearer, Mr Wm M Allaire, is desirous of applying for a position in connection with the "Edison Electric Light Co".

I believe him to be a young man of strict integrity and considerable ability.

He passed through the "Rensselaer Poly-technic Institute", at Troy, NY, where he graduated as a "Civil Engineer".

His connections are first class.

Could you kindly give him a note to Mr Edison, which would no doubt be of great service to him, in his proposed plans — and oblige,

Very truly Yours,

Chas Coody

Geo: B Prescott Esq
195 Broadway,
City

[ENCLOSURE]

Respectfully referred to Prof. Thos. A. Edison.
I know Geo. Dodge, who writes this note, and consider him very good authority in a matter of this kind

Norman Green

March 26. 1902

S.S. Celtic

Applicants

File away

6. Lombard Street, E.C.

London 7th April 1880

T. A. Edison Esq

Menlo Park

New Jersey

Dear Sir,

Mr Johnson handed me your cable saying "If Insull can translate French send him" to which I was unfortunately compelled to reply "No: regretfully". You will have understood from this that I cannot translate French, which I very much regret.

I am sorry that you should have had the trouble of cabling without any result

Yours truly

Samuel Insull

op/ NY June 23. 80
J Holloway

June 23rd 1880

T. A. Edison Esq
Sir
Pardon the liberty I take in writing these few lines to you
I am a machinist & served my time at Mess. Dickinson's Paper & Envelope manufacturers, Nettlefold's Eng. Had charge of the fitting up of Envelope machines, engines &c - both heavy & light machinery - Also in the tool & model depart-ment. I worked in New York during the war, and then returned to my old job.
Now I have never worked in any Electric works, but

have been dabbling in it during all my spare time for years, and was the first to show the electric light in my part of the Country. I have been back in New York about nine months and am employed by Mess Hoe, Printing Press makers - but would prefer lighter work - I can supply you with first-class references. Mess Hoe will vouch for my ability & respectability & if necessary I can send to the other side for further credentials - This will reach you through the courtesy of Mr Jenkins of Drexel Morgan & Co. and should you think it worth your while kindly answer through the same channel. If you think I would be of any use to you, my services will be at your disposal immediately or whenever you have a vacancy. Trusting I ~~have~~ am not encroaching on your valuable time too much

I remain
Very respectfully Yours
J Holloway
436 Sixth Ave
New York City

The Edison Telephone Company of London, Limited.
Mansion House Chambers,
Rooms No. 113.
11, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.
MANAGER & SECRETARY.
ARNOLD WHITE.

London 18

My Dr Edison & Batch

Please take care that nothing concerning Dowell's application for a position with you reaches Sprague - It might prejudice him.

Also bear in mind that all my correspondence to you - & other correspondence to me while there - is kept confidential

Yours Johnson

London July 1-80
E H Johnson
Mrs

Will see what I can do

T. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir.

It will be nine years this fall when I began to rebuilt the Universal Private Line Printers for the Gold & Stock Telegraph company - I have since stuck to them like glue, and with the new Company now on the verge of going down, with the printers. It is now only a matter of a few months and the last of them will be taken in & Phones put in there place, The phones do not require the same class of attention as the printers, hence Horse car conductors will make pretty good inspectors -

My knowledge of Electricity - Chemistry & Civil Engineering ought to bring me in something better than the Telephone inspectorship which is now in view for me,

Hence I earnestly request that you will give me a chance at something where my knowledge in the above will be brought to a better advantage try me again for another eight year term

Yours G. G. Wagner

July 9th/80 145 East 103 St

Alex Mangel
Care of Wm Mangel
Corn. Broad & Reed

Mr. Mangel & 8th Ave

Dear Sir

We are now wanting another machinist if you wish to come South pay us a visit as soon as possible
Otherwise please let me know at once

Truly yours
J Kennedy

AK 27R
July 9. 1880

H. Baron
236 East 104th Street

You can have a job for 30¢ an hour if you wish, Come as soon as possible
let me know in case that you are not inclined to come

Truly yours
J Kennedy

O.K.
O.C.
July 26. 80

# Memorandum.

From Drexel, Morgan & Co.
Wall St. corner Broad,
New York, July 27 1880

To Mr Griffen

Dear Sir.

The bearer of this note James Holloway Esq is the gentleman I spoke to you about. He is a very good mechanic and anything you can do for him will greatly oblige

Yours very truly
H W Jenkins

R. Ehrlich Esq.
18 Coles street
Jersey City

Dear Sir

The man I have engaged when your application was recd. has not come and is that place vacant. If you are willing to take it please come on Monday

T. A. E.
Kr

July 31 1880

(July 1880)

R. Ehrlich
18 Coles street
Jersey City

In answer to yrs. of the 18th instant say
We have no room just now but may find a chance for you, in a short time, & will ~~let you know~~ write you

Truly yours
T. A. E.
p Kruse

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

# Albemarle Fertilizer Company,

83 CEDAR STREET,

ALBERT SPEYERS, President. EDWIN M. FOX, Secretary. FRANCIS W. JACOBS. Treasurer

New York Aug 9 1880

My dear Edison;

I wrote Crosby a letter to Denver last week giving him a piece of my mind for leaving your laboratory and telling him it embarrassed me as it was I who got him in your employ. I told him if he remained there I would never have anything more to do with him but if he would return I would give him a position in the Fertilizer Co. as agent. He replied promptly disavowing strongly any desire to reveal any secrets he might have learned in the laboratory and wound up by saying he would at once start for Memphis. Yesterday he arrived here. Lawson however remained.

Did you get the sample of "albemarle" I sent you the other day? What do you think of it?

How is the Motor Co. progressing?

Truly yours

Edwin M. Fox

Andrew Terhune
Rahway N.J.
Chas. W. Murdoch,
Woodbridge N.J.

If you want to be engaged
as an apprentice in our
Lamp factory come
right along
apply to J. K.
Aug 10

57 Stirling Place.
Brooklyn N.Y. Aug 10th 1880

Aug 10, 1880

T. A. Edison Esqr

Dear Sir

Are you in need of Help at the present time, if so should be pleased to Engage with you. I am well Posted on Patern Makeing and general Machine work. can work either Wood or Metals. could undoubtedly give you entire satisfaction were an opportunity extended to me. Can come at once — if wanted. Please Reply by return Mail and oblige.

Yours Respect—
H. W. Oliver

[ATTACHMENT]

Inquire this time
we are not in need of
help now but will file
his apl. & write him
if we want a man

Aug 11 1880

Ernest Bugg

Milton Bradt
No 9. Orange Place
Newark N.J.

We are wanting one more Machinist if you wish to take the place please come immediately if not let me know without delay

Aug 31 (1880)

Yours Truly
Hughes Johnson

Ernest bring me an inkstand two pass books & matches
K.

(Aug 1880)

Geo. F. Magee
P.O. Railway N.J.

Dear S.

Yours of A. 19th received
In order would say
Mr. Edison would not pay
Ernest notice he ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ Are Dr. Lewis
or refuse work.

On receipt I am to
Run. To explain more
thoroughly.

Albert Hetschel
74 Ave "A" N.Y.

Will pay him $15.00 per week to start on and pay him more if his work proves to be worth more. If he is willing come ask him to come immediately

T.A.E.

Fitz Patrick

74 Avenue A.
New York, Sept. 3d 1880.

T. A. Edison, Esq.
Dear Sir:

Yours of to-day duly received. Will be there by Monday the 6th inst.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.
Albert Hetschel.

Mr. Carson

Wrote Chas. Rattigan
a note that his
services are not
longer required
after Saturday.
Had sent it to him in
a sealed envelope Tomorrow

Sept. 9th 1880

C R

Menlo Park Oct. 14th & 16th 1880.

To Mr. Thos. A. Edison P.D.

Dear sir,

Receiving the last time a kind of treatment of some of your assistants which no man with any sense of honor can bear and disliking the ways things are managed in the line I work in which put me in a peculiar position I feel obliged to write this letter. About two weeks ago a man who has been my assistant for nearly half a year wanted to knock me down and break my neck without any cause in Mr. Batch presence. Yester-

day Mr. Bates and I had a disagreement from a cause not worth to be mentioned which went so far that I had to hear that you were a dem side better off if I were not here. If work in my line I do not want to be bossed by people that understand less than I or nothing of it, I think I gave sufficient proofs that I understand my line ~~very well~~ thoroughly. That things are managed by ignorant parties is very disadvantageous to you I write only the last thing you know of already: the carbon tester which fixed up by the boys: I have no doubt they did the best they could but a whole week was that time lost. The loss of money did not amount to anything but the delay a whole week's delay! What I worked for was progress. I did not work for progress the last time because I liked the parties I had to deal with, not because I liked the treatment I received for the services I have rendered, but because I sympathized with you, because I liked the great problem we were working on. But now things have gone too far. For a few days I take a vacation to go on my uncle's farm which I did not see yet. Then I come back to hear whether you agree with the things described. In conclusion I say that I do not want higher wages and that I do not want to interfer with partiesy manufacturing.

Remaining yours obedient

Ludwig H. Böhm

GK Bockius
Oct 20

File Mr

Menlo Park, Oct. 20th 1880.

To Mr. Thos. A. Edison Esq.

Dear sir,

I hereby inform you that I am leaving Menlo Park and your services on Friday next. The causes may be known to you already, I dislike the treatment I received for the services I have rendered and am convinced that some of your assistants and I could not agree for any length of time. I therefore give up my present position. Enclosed you will also find a letter which I

wrote already last week.

I am sir,

very respectfully yours

Ludwig H. Böhme

25 President St. Oct. 27th 80.

File

Mr. Thos. A. Edison Ph. D.

Dear sir,

Having neglected to ask You for a reference I kindly request You to write one for me at Your leisure. I will be in Menlo Park by to morrow evening and should very much like to have it then.

Remaining

Yours Very Respectfully

Ludwig K. Böhm

(Oct 1880)

This is to Certify that Mr. Frank R. Morrill has been employed in Engineering in this establishment and gave satisfaction in every respect.

He leaves the position on his own accord

T. A. Edison
per J. Kruesi
Mgr.

OSCAR BOCK
Glasmechaniker
LICHTENHAIN bei Oberweissbach
in Thüringen.

Lichtenhain bei Oberweissbach, den 17. November 1880.
in Thüringen

Herrn Edisson in New-York

Da Ihre genaue Adresse mir unbekannt ist, erlaube mir auf diesem Wege, durch Freundes Hand, mich Ihnen als Glasbläser zu empfehlen.

Zwar habe ich erfahren, dass ein New-yorker Haus durch einen Agenten Glasbläser sucht, denn dasselbe aber noch nicht, vermuthe aber, dass Ihre w. Firma es ist.

Längere Zeit in renommirten Geschäften Deutschlands gearbeitet, bin ich bis jetzt 6 Jahre selbst etablirt, habe da ein kleines Geschäft in feinerem Thermometer betrieben & sonstigen Bläsereien, da aber Deutschland in dieser Branche überfüllt ist, so bin ich gesonnen unter günstigen Bedingungen nach Amerika zu machen.

Einige Jahre auch bei Geissler in Berlin gearbeitet, bin ich in allen Bläsereien eingeweiht, was zu electrischen & wissenschaftlichen Experimenten erforderlich ist, ebenso in Thermometern, Barometern etc. & hoffe daher ein Geschäft solcher Fabrikation durch meine Leistungen

befriedigen zu können.

Sollten Sie daher mich in Ihrer Fabrik anstellen können & wollen, so bitte Sie, mir Ihre Bedingungen zu stellen & gef. mitzutheilen.

Bei gegenseitigem Uebereinkommen könnte baldigst bei Ihnen eintreten.

Ihrer gef. umgehenden Nachrichten entgegensehend, zeichnet

Hochachtungsvoll

Oscar Bork

p/p Lichtenheim & Germann 17 rue [illegible]

Oscar Bork

8 Decembre 80

[ATTACHMENT]

Mr Griffin

Dr Sir

The enclosed letter was handed me by Mr Fred J Weiss at 316 E 84th St NY City -

Any reply to be sent care address given herein

Yours

Patch

This man has worked - is an experienced with Kessler - Is an expert glass blower wants a situation

Griffin

[ATTACHMENT]

Griffin

Tell this man that we use a great many glassblowers but we cannot promise him anything; our experience with previous Geissler glassblowers is anything but satisfactory for manufacturing work. We find it a great deal easier to break in new men on our work than try to get experimental men to do manufacturing work.

Or about this

Batchelor

For the present we are fully supplied but will keep your app. on file there may be a man wanted of your capacity within a short time

C K R.
Weed
Frank Marks
Underaker
N.J.

J. H. Vail
Undertaker
P.O. Lodi

You can leave as I think a suitable job now come immediately

C K
R Dec 27th
1880

81

Smith and Rodgers
120 Bdway N.Y.

Martin Van Buren
ask about his ability
and character and if he
is perfectly reliable

A K R
Dec 8th 1880

Martin Van Buren
Care of J. B Smith & Rodgers
120 Brdway N.Y.

We are about to engage
an Engineer & boiler cot. to take charge of Engines
~~the position~~ wish to take
~~here and see Mr Kruedi~~

T.A.E.

A K R
Dec 30.

(Dec. 1880)

Messrs. Ballard & Willcox

Can you recommend us a first class Engineer one who is accustomed to fire with Dust coal.

An early answer will oblige yours

125 36.11
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49
211

Truly

T. A. Edison

Geo. Winkler

No 107 East 7th street
New York

There is an opening in our shop now if you wish to take the chance come immediately if not please let me know by return mail

T. A. E
per Kruesi

W R

Dec (1880)

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., June 4 1880.

Mr Edison

Mr Hedden is considerable chagrined to you and so far as I can see the work is for himself approve we let him go this week

D. C.

Carman,

Please say Hedden off

I have nothing for him to do.

TAE

**1880. Edison, T.A. - Family (D-80-015)**

This folder contains correspondence and other documents by and about Edison's family. Related material can be found in D-80-040 (Railroad - Port Huron Railway Company).

All the documents have been filmed.

No reputation
No answer
file

Bradford Iowa
Jan 18th/880

T. A. Edison Esq

Dear Cousin

As I have a few leisure moments and have just been reading about your great invention thought would write and see if you could not give me employment enough to pay my board and give me a chance to study evenings and at other times when at leisure as I am poor and cannot devote all of my time as I would like to. About one year ago I invented a gas machine for manufacturing gas and took in a partner who agreed to furnish the money to get it patented. and who got it patented in his own name and then ran off and left the country have not heard from him since

P.S. Mr Edison

Dear Sir

I will explain my relation to you. which is some what distant that is this for my Father is your first Cousin (maternal) which makes me your second Cousin my Father's Father name was Henry Edison who now lives in Canada.

I remember seeing you once three or four years ago I was clerking in P. M. Edisons Store at Port Huron Michigan You do not remember it perfectly as it was some time ago.

I was very sorry when I heard of little Charlys death for he was a smart little fellow

As time is tinting with shades of evening I shall have to close by asking you to help me if in your power my age is 22 years old I know I can give you good satisfaction at what ever you set me to and can attend to my study at the same time

Mr Edison

Please answer this at once and let me know if you can give me employment I will come at once and oblige

Yours your Unfortunate Lamin

John Edison

Address

Bradford

Iowa

Chickasaw Co

Bradford Ia July 18 80

John Edison

Menlo Park NJ 1-22 80

Received from T A Edison
check to amount of three
hundred and twenty five dollars

Samuel Edison

You may show this letter to Al if you ~~choose~~ wish when you give him the Reports WPE

Port Huron Jan 23th 1880

I suppose you got
[illegible] you a few
[illegible] you think that I
[illegible] you a insurance
[illegible] Date it would
[illegible] we will say about
[illegible] how Rudy they have
[illegible] been Patient against
[illegible] but as you think best
I send you to day the Monthly
Statements for the months of November
and December I think they look
well for these hard times and we
paid the Dauborn Estate $1000.00 on Tuesday
last so now we owe them $4000.00
due in two years from next July
and if we have good luck we can
pay the debt in much less time and
leave the road in splended condition
I want you to see Al when he is not
very busy and hand this reports to him

Yours

Port Huron
Passengers
Baggage
Tickets

Port Huron Jan 23rd 1880

Dear Father

I suppose you got the letter I sent you a few days ago about you thinks that I had better get you a insurance policy on the new store it would not cost much we will say about $300.00 you know daily they have no protection in Detroit against fire but do as you think best I send you to day the monthly Statements for the months of November and December I think may look well for these hard times and we paid the Dauborn Estate $1000.00 on Tuesday last so now we owe them $4000.00 due in two years from next July and if we have good luck we can pay the debt in much less time and leave the road in splendid condition I want you to see Al when he is not very busy and hand the reports to him

Yours

and have him read them for now
it begins to look as though we
might get it decided before long
for if I could send him one I would
throw my hat as high as the moon
but no more at present I suppose
you are having a good time I hope
so at least remember me to all
the boys and particular to Griffin &
Beach there is nothing new here
worth writing about so I bid
you a good bye

W P E

WPE

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Street car the
for Nov 4 use

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or $ 546
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Cary Ill Mch 12 '80
Mrs A C Abbott
Nowata

Cary Branch 12th /80

Dear Cousin

My letter of inquiry to you of Feby 14th did not Explane it self as I did not know quite certain who I was adressing. I have this Evening adressed a letter to Uncle Samuel Edison hoping to find other friends and relations in Canado and Elsewhere My Name before marriage was Melissa Wheeler a daughter of your aunt Fannie Elliott my Husband is a Carpenter by trade but W own a farm and live on it 35 miles from Chicago on Fox river on the N. W. R. R.

hoping for your prosperity that you may successfully light up the world with your illuminations is the best words that I can say. — at any time that you should feel like sacrificing time to answer this letter do so. it would give me great pleasure to recieve the same.

Melissa Abbott

Adress
Mrs A. C. Abbott
Cary McHenry Co
Ills

April 17/1880

Miss Alice Stillwell
194 High St.
Newark

I'll Bring Dottie with you
when you come this afternoon

T. A. Edison

(Sent)

[FROM MARY STILWELL EDISON]

(May 1880)

Darling

I am sorry to trouble you but I am short of money Cash & can you raise me ten or fifteen dollars or if you cannot do that where can I get a Check cashed

Dickey

Griffin is at the Office perhaps he can loan you some or take a Check

Blank No. 1.

# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



A. R. BREWER, Sec'y NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated St Josephs Bessie Que 6/14 1880

Received at

To Thos A Edison

Reserve Electric railroad for Canada until I see your important reply quick waiting

Saml Edison

3 paid via Montreal

All right

T A Edison

2 Paid via

2735 5440

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Rich'mond Aug 30/80

Dear Bro

Geo Buchanan wants me to write you and have you send and him a bottle of your Neuralgia Medicine Geo is here and he says if you dont do it he will come down and kick you Over (you know he is Blind as a bat)

but he suffers awfuly with pain in the head I wish you would send it by Express

the Road is doing a good business will send Reports about 5th of Sep Love to all

W P

Lord and Taylor
Broadway + 20th St.
N.Y.

Menlo
Oct 11 1880

Mrs Edison will not be
in until wednesday or Saturday

Yrs Truly
Edison

26

Mrs Edison
requests Mr.
Thirty Dollars

1880

Saturday

My Dear Mr Tousell

please send me thirty (30) dollars by Beaver; I gave eighteen dollars of the fifty to Mr E. please tele Fred to call here about 12.30 for a parcel to take to Menlo

Yours Sincerely
Mr. Edison

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# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

*Dated* West End Hotel Ashbury Park 188

*Received at* Menlo Park

*To* T. A. Edison

What train are you coming on tonight answer

Mrs T. A. Edison

8/collect

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

**1880. Edison, T.A. - Insurance (D-80-016)**

This folder contains correspondence and other documents relating to the payment and renewal of Edison's insurance policies.

Approximately one-third of the documents have been filmed. Bills, receipts, and routine correspondence have not been filmed.

MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE CO.,

OF NEWARK, N. J. LEWIS C. GROVER, President.
Assets, - - $35,000,000.
C. LEYENBERGER, STATE AGENT FOR ILLINOIS,
Parker Building, 97 Washington Street,

Chicago, Jany 8th 1880

Friend Edison:

I am real glad that you have made such a grand success with your new light. And I can't help but think about you frequently and wish you the best wishes. When one has been through the mill of doing hard work often with little or no compensation and then in the end succeeds he can look back and not count all lost. You know how I struggled in Newark and the drawbacks I had to contend with and am pleased to inform you that altho I work as hard as ever the future outlook is certainly brighter.

How would you like to have my place on your life. Say $100,000.00 insurance? I'll promise: if you agree to give you only the best Cos and as you have been the means of perfecting the telegraph and telephone, can do the work as well as if I were in Menlo. I wish you many years of the greatest prosperity

Very truly Yours, C. Leyenberger

If you bring the time, write me personally

Assets over Eighty-Eight Millions.

# The Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York.

*F. S. WINSTON, President.*

GEO. B. RAYMOND, GEN'L AGENT. No. 749 BROAD STREET.

Newark, N.J. July 27th 1880

Wm. Carman Esq.
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

The cost of the Edison Premium, is $234.40/100 At the payment made in Dec^r last a dividend of $95.60/100 was used in reduction of the premium; this time the premium is the full cost $234.40/100

Yours Truly
G. B. Raymond
Gen'l Agt.
N.J.

Assets over Eighty-Eight Millions.

# The Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York.

*F. S. WINSTON, President.*

GEO. B. RAYMOND, GEN'L AGENT. No. 749 BROAD STREET.

Newark, N. J. July 30th 1880

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N. J.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 28th inst, covering cheque for $734.40 semi-annual premium on your policy No 163.075 is at hand, for which please accept my thanks. The reason there is no dividend reduction of this payment, is that the dividend is declared at the anniversary of the policy in December of each year - and as you have always used the amt for the payment of the Dec. premium, the June premium has to be paid in full.

Yours truly
Geo B Raymond
Genl Agt.
J.

**1880. Edison, T.A. - Payroll Receipts (D-80-017) [not filmed]**

This folder contains payroll receipts for Menlo Park laboratory employees. The Edison National Historic Site also holds an extensive collection of employee time sheets for the period 1878-1931. The time sheets for 1878 have been filmed as a representative sample (see Thomas A. Edison Papers, Microfilm Edition, Part I, 17:621-876).

**1880. Edison, T.A. - Unsolicited Inquiries (D-80-018) [not filmed]**

This folder contains unsolicited correspondence requesting agencies for Edison's inventions, inquiring about the purchase or cost of his inventions, or asking for other information about his inventions. Approximately half of this correspondence was sent to Edison in January, following the first successful demonstrations of his electric light system, to request agencies for the light. There is also correspondence regarding offers of land for the Edison Electric Lamp Company factory.

**1880. Edison, T.A. - Visitors (D-80-019) [not filmed]**

This folder contains routine letters of introduction and requests to visit Edison. Letters that received a significant response by Edison, or that were written by individuals associated with Edison, are filed in their appropriate subject folders.

## 1880. Electric Light - General (D-80-020)

This folder contains correspondence and other documents relating to the commercial introduction of the electric light and to technical aspects of electric lighting and power, such as the design of lamps and generators and the materials to be used as filaments. Some of the correspondence deals with the lighting plant for Henry Villard's steamship, Columbia, and with the search for cane to be used as a lamp filament. Related material about the application of electric power to mining can be found in D-80-032 (Mining - General).

All the documents have been filmed except for duplicate copies of selected documents and bills relating to the death of John R. Segredor, whom Edison sent to Cuba to search for filament materials.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,

# Bureau of Lamps and Gas,

Room 13, City Hall,

New York, Jany 2d 1880.

My Dear Sir—

Your favor of 29th ult. is received.

I suppose that you are very much troubled by inquisitive visitors, and, hence, I am somewhat diffident about going to Friends Point. As a public Official, however, I desire to do so, and will therefore accept your kind invitation and, if possible, will visit you tomorrow afternoon (Saturday), with the assurance that I will not cause you very great annoyance.

Yours respectfully,
R. McCormick,
Supt Lamps & Gas.

JOS. G. LEMON, President. C. F. WALTERS, Mechanical Manager. L. T. LEMON, Secy & Treas.

# RICHMOND CITY MILL WORKS

MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS AND MANUFACTURERS OF

## MILL STONES

AND GENERAL MILL MACHINERY.

Richmond Ind. 1/2 nd 1879

Mr Thos Edison
Menlo Park N. J.

Dear Sir

Although we are entire strangers I feel like congratulating you on your success in perfecting your electric light

I have read several reports of interviews had by reporters and others and seeing a doubt as to the endurance of the carbon or paper horse shoes used in your lamp, I set to work to make a paper to give the desired results and I think I have it

Now if you have not succeeded and desire the to hear more of it I will take pleasure in corresponding

Letter and one sample of paper for test

JAS. A. LEMON, President. C. F. WALTERS, Mechanical Manager. L. T. LEMON, Secy. & Treas.

RICHMOND CITY MILL WORKS
MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS AND MANUFACTURERS OF
MILL STONES
AND GENERAL MILL MACHINERY.

Richmond, Ind. 187

with you in refference to the Matter

For My own satisfaction I am making a sample of my patch and I shall give it a severe trial

I will say right here that I am not a partich excited over the matter dont expect to make any money out of it (as I have been in the Patent Office too often already to ever expect to make anything out of such thing) but if it amounts to any thing and you dont find the same thing it shall be to your advantage whether to mine or not

I remain Most Respectfully Yours

W. D. Pinchard

It burn up entirely Phosphorus & don't want any in use of any kind because it burns the light

143 School St.
Germantown. Pa. (Phila)
Jan 2. 1880

Thos. A. Edison Esq
Dear Sir

It is reported that you obtain in your Lamp globes a vacuum of $\frac{1}{1000.000}$ of an atmosphere; if this vacuum was broken with pure nitrogen gas and the globe exhausted to $\frac{1}{1000.000}$ again, you would have — owing to the diffusive energy of each gas — remaining only $\frac{1}{1.000.000.000.000}$ of the oxygen naturally existing in the air.

Would not this method be better than burning the oxygen out by Phosphorus? which leaves a dangerous residium

Very Respy
N B Clark

S. I. KNIGHT,
Proprietor.

(SPECIMEN OF PARCHMENT PAPER.)

N. S. OTIS,
Manager.

# Acme Stationery and Paper Co.,

MANUFACTURERS
of
Letter Files and Binders.
Paper Fasteners.
Parchment Paper.
Drafting Paper.
Copying Books and Paper.
Paper Ruled and Cut to order.

75 FULTON STREET,

New York. Jany 2nd 1883

Mr T. A. Edison
Menlo Park. N.J.

Dear Sir

While reading in this morning's Tribune an account of your new Electric Lamp, and that you obtained your carbon from paper, it occurred to me that a paper having a very strong fibre, and absolutely free from any substance except the vegetable fibre, would be of assistance to you. I therefore enclose some pieces of the heaviest weight I have at hand, cut from the margin of the sheet so as to be free from the chemicals in the ruling ink. If you desire I can send you some sheets as heavy as Bristol Board. Prof Chandler of Columbia College says this is the only paper he ever saw absolutely of pure fibre, and so well washed as to be chemically of a negative character.

Very Respty Yours
Newton S. Otis.

Chester Pa
3d Jany 80
Alfred Taylor
A Jany 8

Chester, Penna.
Jany 3d 1880

Prof T. A. Edison.
Menlo Park N.J.

Respected Sir

You will pardon me for intruding myself upon you at this time, but as I have attentively read the numerous and various detailed accounts that have from time to time appeared in the News Paper Press, and am anxiously waiting the final step to be taken that will crown your indefatigable efforts with undoubted success to furnish to the world a cheaper

and better light than that now in general use.

I beg leave at this juncture to make a suggestion that perhaps you may be already familiar with.

You are probably not aware that in the manufacture of Bristol Board they are not in the habit of using Kaolin, which is as really as indistinctible as Asbestos, but they use an Opaque Clay, found in considerable quantities in your State, and you will readily perceive that it is not as good as Kaolin, which is allogether used in the manufacture of the finer grades of paper, and in my opinion it is the Clay that gives your Carbon shoe its tenacity, and I



contend that if you will have manufactured a Bristol Board with the purest of Kaolin you will surely discover a more perfect and substantial carbonized shoe.

I write this thinking that your mind has been so entirely engrossed with other things it may have escaped your thoughts.

If you have a leisure moment, I would very much like to hear from you.

Sincerely Yours

Alfred Taylor.

Think hard & say that what we are after is a Bristol board with no Kaolin or other matter than the pure fibre, all oxides such as clay etc are reduced by Carbon at a high heat & then are in way

Jan. 3, 1880.
No 204 E. 11th St.
New York City.

Mr T. A. Edison
Menlo Park.

Come any time

Dear Sir

I notice that visitors are annoying you greatly; but I venture to ask if it will be convenient for me to visit you some day this week in reference to the business part of your discovery. Satisfied myself that electric light will soon quickly come in competition with gas in small as well as in large rooms, I wish to organize a co. in Louisville, Ky. to control that city and perhaps State, but I wish in the meantime to become of absolutely familiar with the working of every part of the machinery to the extent of being able to put in proper order and use all parts of the apparatus.

Respectfully

P. A. Jacomb, Ex. Sec. Mutual Ins. Co.
204 E. 11th St.
New York City
N. Y.

ALBERT C. DUNG & Co.

Successor to ALBERT DUNG & SON,

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61 BOWERY, cor. Canal St.

Station of the N. Y. Elevated R. R. In front of the door. Easy access to all points.

Jany 4, 81

M. J. Rheinbach

A. Dung

New York, Jany. 4th 1880

Mr. Thos. A. Edison

Honored Sir.

If you remember I was speaking to you on New Year's afternoon in regard to a certain form of carbon burner. I do not know whether you exactly understood the shape I meant and herewith send them (Enlarged). If they be not as you understood, would you have the kindness and let me know whether the current would be in any way affected by the notches, or whether the current would be so strong as to break them off entirely after they were carbonized as I

understand, the greater the amount of surface to the carbon burner, so much more light could be produced. As I am completely enraptured by the success of your light. I hope you will confer a favor by answering this letter and satisfying my curiosity.

I am sir your most obdt. servant

M. J. Breitenbach

Br. Doverry.

N.Y.

The notches would be absolutely useless as they would increase the surface without increasing the conductivity

Port Huron Aug 4th 1880

T. A. Edison Esq

Dr Sir

I have been waiting for a long time for the electric light to be perfected. You may remember my house one half mile south of the bridge. You was down with Pitt the last time you was here

I have been using and thinking of putting in independent gas works - but from what I read of the electric light I think I may be able to use it before long - I told Pitt I would write you and find out the Perfected

J. D. Carleton

P.S. What I mean is light for my residence only. Efficient to about 30 sq. feet

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,

**Bureau of Lamps and Gas,**

Room 21, City Hall,

New York, Jany 5th, 1880.

My Dear Sir—

I was much pleased on Saturday last with my trip to Menlo Park, which little Hamlet has now, through you, a world-wide reputation.

Having paid much attention to the subject of the Electric Light, and having stated eighteen months since that "I would like to see Edison take up the question" for I then hoped that you could master it, I naturally felt much interest in your success, and, hence, I was very much gratified when I found that your sub-division of the Light is an accomplised fact, and that you had achieved what other scientists of the world had failed to do.

I regretted, however, that in consequence of the crowd of visitors, I had no opportunity of conversing with you upon the subject of lighting our Central Park, which question has been mooted here. I hope that another opportunity will be afforded me of making you a visit when the throng of visitors cease troubling you.

Yours Respectfully,

Thos. A. Edison Esq.

S. McCormick, Supt. Lamps & Gas,

DIRECTOR:
ALBERT R. LEDOUX, A. M., Ph. D.,
Chemist to N. C. Dept. of Agriculture,
To N. C. State Geological Survey,
—AND—
To the N. C. State Board of Health.

Department of Agriculture,
North Carolina
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*At the State University,*

ASSISTANTS:
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J. C. TAYLOR, B. S.
A. D. MICKLE.

(1-6)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Jan. 5th 1880.

Prof. Thos. A. Edison,
Menlo Parc, N. J.

Dear Sir,

There is a very large element of absurdity in my attempting to make any suggestions in regard to your experiments on electric light. I may be entirely mistaken in my premises, but if I can judge from the popular accounts of your experiments, the difficulties under which you labor at present are, first, inability to secure a perfect, absolutely perfect vacuum, and second that the Oxygen ~~which~~ contained in the air which remains in the lamp reacts upon the Carbon ultimately destroying or seriously affecting it. If you have not long ago tried it, I would suggest that you fill the lamps before attaching the Sprengel pump with some gas — possibly Nitrogen — which will drive out all the air. The one-millionth part, or whatever may be the proportion, which you are compelled to leave in the lamp, will contain no Oxygen and exert ab-

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Chapel Hill, N. C., 18

solutely no effect upon the incandescent Carbon. Carbonic Acid will not do for this purpose as it is decomposed by charcoal at a red heat, forming Carbonic Oxide and liberating free Oxygen. Hydrogen will not do. Nitrogen, without studying the question specially, appears to me most inert and thus best adapted to the purpose suggested.

If you have long ago made the experiment, please pardon my writing. I am one of the fifty millions of American citizens who are interested in your present work and have profited by your past inventions.

Yours respectfully,
A. R. LeDoux

WRITTEN
DICTATION.

Have tried it dont seem to do any good
get such high vac
dont destroy 1000
of 1 per of carbon

Concave
Lines

New York Jan 6th 1880.

Thomas A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir:

The question of the best construction of air-pumps for close exhaustion has come before me, and I desire to avail myself of what has already been done towards their perfection.

Will you be kind enough to inform me if you make use of any of the publicly known forms, and if so, and of recent style, when I may meet with a description of it. If the pump employed by you is essentially different from those previously known, and there is no objection, I would be glad to see it. Could you allow me to do so?

Very respectfully yours
W. E. Woodbridge.

Great Delivery, N.Y. P.O.

Mr Moulton Eng.
Jany 6 80

G Harris

Jany 26

Would like to what information he can obtain — would like to know of Moulton Northampton England of the Paper Mill

I could get say 100 lbs of Linen Bristol Board & thousand of such thick

To Mr Edgerly Philadelphia

Jan 14 1880

Dear Sir

I notice from the Papers that you use Paper — hard Board — now I suppose this is made from Cotton Rags — The Pulp for the Paper is produced by Chemicals — Soda Resin &c

My object in writing is to invite your attention to what may be a great improvement that is Paper or hard Board, — or rather the Pulp first to be made of Linnen — Flax (of course not Hemp)

I know the superiority of Flax we had used to call it "Yarn" more than 50 years ago — for the Wicks of Tallow Candles — Stronger light more durable &c.

The value and durability of Paper made from Linnen Rags or Linnen Cloth is instanced by the Bank of England Notes made from Flaxen Pulp, only

If you think it worth while I will enquire at the Paper Mills, where that Paper is made, for all the particulars I possibly can get.

I think you could have a pulp and hard Board made on purpose, Shape, Thickness, Size, &c as you might require.

P. J. Over.

Have you tried the Glass Globe double and the space filled with Water say 72 in to 2 inches Dry.

No doubt you know the wide difference between Cotton and Flax

I think Irish Flax is considered best

Shall be happy to have a line from you and remain

Yours
Truly
G. Haines

*Blank No. 1.*

# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. 3 WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated Providence RI 1/6 1880

Received at

To Thos A Edison
Menlo Park NJ

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Could see light
in operation tomorrow
Boston party want me
look at it for them
answer

W H Sawyer

13 paid
Hart

LIBRARY
PATENT LAW DEP'T.
READING ROOM.

# INVENTORS' INSTITUTE.

No. 338 BROADWAY,

INDUSTRIAL NEWS.
MUSEUM OF PATENTS.
SALESROOM.

my pat covers all carbon bulbs organic compounds & pentagon confine in my patent & only Fortric carb should mention Geo Ferree & Wm Sawyer treat on that body

New York, Jany 6th 1880

Thomas A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir:

A scientific friend and correspondent of ours has placed in our hands a description of an improved carbon for your new lamp, with the request that during the pendency of his caveat we shall submit the same to you for practical tests.

If you shall find upon trial, that the inventors opinion as to the value and efficiency of his new light-giving body is well founded, he desires to assign his right on reasonable terms to the Company who control your Patents, or to yourself individually.

Yours Truly,
David A. Burr
Patent Dept.
The Inventor's Institute.

Enclosing description of
Vulcanised rubber Carbon for Electric Lamp

[ENCLOSURE]

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READING ROOM.

# INVENTORS' INSTITUTE.

No. 733 BROADWAY,

INDUSTRIAL NEWS.
MUSEUM OF PATENTS.
SALESROOM.

Enclosed

New York, Jan. 6th 1880

Extract from Caveat.

"My invention consists in the use of a light-giving body, of any desired shape, composed of Carbon formed by subjecting vulcanized India rubber, or gutta percha, to heat of a sufficiently high temperature to expel therefrom, by destructive distillation, all volatile matters. The said light-giving body after being combined with platinum electrodes, is inclosed within a glass vessel of any desired shape, from which the air must be exhausted by any suitable means. The said electrodes must be allowed to project beyond the sides of the inclosing glass vessel for the purpose of enabling them to be connected with the electrical generator."

David A. Burr

The Inventors' Institute.

Albion Tube Works,

Birmingham, 8 January 1880

Mr Edison
Menlo Park
Dear Sir

We read with much interest the accounts of your gradual perfection of the Electric light for household purposes, and we hope to be able to supply wrought iron tubing in large quantities to convey the wires (which will necessarily be required, for this & for the Telephone) duly protected from their surroundings, as for instance, running round.

We therefore beg to enclose our price list, which will shew you the class of goods we make, and we shall esteem it a favour, if you will inform us, whether you consider that wrought iron will be the best material to use for the purpose of protecting the wires, and also whether any special fittings would be required, as for instance whether the bends or elbows should be of any special pattern, as in that case we shall be glad to know as soon as possible, in order that steps may be taken, to produce the required article successfully & quickly.

Prices have risen so rapidly in the United States that it is possible, even with

the extremely high protective duties, that tubes may be imported more cheaply than they can be made in the States; whether this is so or not, we can confidently recommend the quality of our manufacture, and shall be pleased to do business, either in America or England, for the Electric light or Telephone.

Apologising for troubling you in the matter when you have so much detail to consider, and hoping to facilitate the use of the wires

We are
yours faithfully
Lloyd & Lloyd

Birmingham Eng
July 8, 80
Lloyd & Lloyd
and Fly

J. S. VAN GILDER, President. F. A. R. SCOTT, Secretary.

# Knoxville Leather Company,

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan 10 1880

Paper is sometimes loaded & the ash will not burn but it is pure Carbon that is desired not ash which is non conductor

Thomas A Edison

Menlo Park N J

Dear Sir I wrote you last spring in relation to some correspondence on some experiments of Electricity & Electrical attractions - So that when you had time for correspondence - I desired to make some communications of Experience &c that I had studied & worked up &c

You still being busy - & teasing on your paper theory -

I make this suggestion to you as having occured with me a few years ago - I had accumulated a great many different papers & cards - & in burning up - I got on to some I could not burn in the

Stove & had to take them out
it occured to me if you was
to take the various Cards & signs
& advertising circulars & Burning
the different varieties you
might strike on some one of the same
I am under the impression it
was some kind of Glazing or coloring
that apparently made it fire proof
I remember well of the bother
to get them out of the stove
But thought nothing more specially
of it until your paper theory of
Micks or Burners —
different coloring matter may
have produced some chemical
Combination & produced the indestructi
bility — Respectfully yours
Jno. F. Van Gieson

Lawrenceville Pa.
Feb 18 1890

M
Hold

London Jany 12, 1880

Sir Henry Bessemer C.E. F.R.S. &c

Denmark Hill, Surrey.

Denmark Hill,
Surrey.

January 12th 1880.

Hold for personal answer

Edison Esq.

Dear Sir,

In common with the rest of the world I am looking forward with great interest to the time when the electric light will be available for the ordinary purposes of domestic illumination.

Your recent discoveries in relation to the employment of baird-board seem at once to supply this great desideratum, in its simplest and cheapest form, and if I sincerely trust destined to supersede all that has gone before it —

While reading an interesting account of your great discovery, one could but feel how extremely delicate and fragile this

charred filament must be. and I naturally began to think as doubtless you have done. whether there were any easy means of strengthening the little horseshoe and then a mode of doing so occurred to me. which I have thought it worth while to suggest for your consideration and I shall only be too pleased if it should in your very able hands add however slightly to the success of electric lighting. I refer to the deposition of films of pure carbon by incandescence — & carburetted hydrogen gas. — I have seen a large whisk of straw which had been thrown into a coke-oven. beautifully coated with an even polished glistening film of carbon. of an iron grey color. the absence of sufficient oxygen to cause combustion of the straw. had preserved it in its perfect natural form. but it was crisp and hard and immensely stronger than mere charred straw would be. —

An experiment could be easily tried at a gas works. by putting in the dried card pieces into the after end of the gas retort. and only filling the fore part of the retort with coal. — you will at once see how cheaply and easily this deposit of carbon could be given to any substance. by enclosing the article in an iron pipe kept red hot. and through which coal gas heated as hot blast, was passed. and with no loss of gas. except the portion of carbon actually deposited. —

Other means also suggested themselves such as saturating the card with solutions of silica, easily procurable by dissolving

the common black flint of the chalk formation in an high-pressure boiler with soda, as in "Ransomes Patent Stone" for which you have a Company in new york. — in the manufacture of the cardboard fine silica deposited from its solution by acid. and in an excessively fine state of division could be mixed with the paste used between each sheet of paper. or glass powder. could be used. and if its fusion under heat toughen the carbon. while the quantity present would be far too small to cause the carbon to soften and fall. — but to a person with so many resources as yourself. there is no need to multiply suggestions, but I know by experience as an inventor how useful it is sometimes to be shunted off our old track of thought into some new line, and it is with this hope that I have taken the liberty to suggest a matter to you about which I am ignorant. and which you have inside all your own.

Yours Dear Sir
yours faithfully H. Bessemer?

Palace Hotel.
Buckingham Gate
London.
Jany 14 1880.

Well try the Experiment & let you know result

My dear Sir.

One of the multitude who have followed with intense & thrilled interest your wonderful career - but with perhaps a degree of experience in the vicissitudes of invention possessed by few I make no apology for addressing you. The instant the telegraph brought word that in Paris you had found the desired medium I knew that you were right. To me the confirmation brought by the times

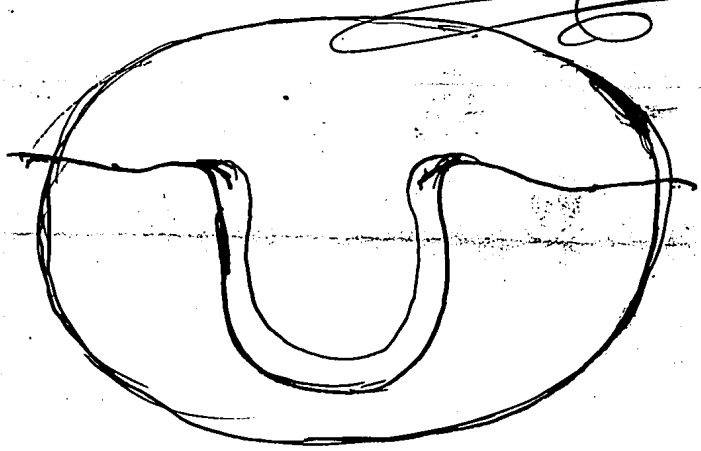
correspondence was not needed for I had at once recognized that you had hit upon the thing. I think that I have a valuable suggestion to make. & altho I have lost fortune thro' my faith in the sincerity of a country man of yours my admiration for your genius & character over rides all & I send my idea to you for what it may be worth. It strike me that if a piece of cardboard of the required form and size say the horseshoe you have adopted were placed rapidly between two plates of glass hot enough to at once carbonize the paper and weld to each other a lamp of minimum cost

& efficiency would be
produced the platinum
wires forming the connection
might be imbedded in the card.
yet uncarbonized & being
as it were simultaneously
imbedded in the glass would
be necessarily in absolute
contact. the glass of course
would be thin so as to per
mit the needful expansion
without risk of fracture. &
might be finally polished
flat or worked into lenses.
as might be found advisable
Lam. a hard working
painter of land & sea
but have spent much
money & given much
attention to science.
indeed but for the circumstance

alluded to above. Me
loss of all my capital. I might
now be thus my telegraphic
& other inventions. who is I
am happy to feel you will
be a millionaire.

believe me
Dear Mr Edison
with profound respect & esteem
faithfully yours

Henry Cook



London January 14. 81
Henry Cook
a Filing n°2

OFFICE OF THE

want price in ingot

# Detroit and Lake Superior Copper Co.

No sample rec'd

Houghton, L. S., Mich., Jan 18th 1880

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

Your letter of Nov 26th to Mr Esq enquiring the price of Ingot Copper as per Sample sent you, was handed to me recently. In reply would say the Copper can be furnished in bars of 40 lbs and upwards for an advance of 4 cts per lb on Common Ingot Copper. I was absent at the time, and the Sample sent you was not equal to that which I have since made. The Sample which you had was made directly from the Mineral as produced from the Mine, and I found by testing it that it carried quite an amount of Iron. The Copper produced by this process has about the same Specific gravity as the Common Copper has after being rolled or drawn into Wire. The Common Copper has a crystalline fracture, and this has a fracture similar to that of Lead when broken. I think this Copper would conduct electricity about as well in heavy bars in the Cast State as the Common Copper would

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# Detroit and Lake Superior Copper Co.

Houghton, L. S., Mich., 18

after being drawn into wire, and would not be subject to injury by bending or twisting as I think the wire drawn from Common Copper is. The Common Cast Copper (as I understand it) is a poor conductor, but when drawn into wire, the crystals are drawn into fine fibers, one lapping on the other, and when properly drawn is an excellent Conductor, but if from any cause these fibers are disturbed as they are liable to be in bending or twisting it causes a resistance. The Copper such as I produce by special treatment is virtually one continuous fiber when drawn into wire, and is not liable to injury for ~~the~~ conducting electricity by having its fibers disturbed from any cause.

I have understood that quite heavy pieces of Copper were used in the construction of some electrical Machines. If this is so, this Copper would be found just suited to such purposes. I have also been informed that Common Copper wire would recrystalize when in constant use as a Conductor. If this is a fact, I think it would be entirely avoided with the Copper that I produce.

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# Detroit and Lake Superior Copper Co.

Houghton, L. S., Mich., 18

as the oxygen held in the Metal is the element of crystilization, and it is entirely removed from this Copper if all the precautions are observed in converting the metal. All of the impurities in Commercial Copper is considered injurious for conducting electricity, and I think the oxygen which is always present in commercial Copper increases the injurious effects of the other impurities. I think there is a decided preference in certain brands of L. S. Copper for electrical purposes, but that nearly all of the Lake Copper would have a preference over foreign Copper. Nearly all of the impurities in Lake Copper consists of oxygen, and Silver. That in foreign Copper aside from the above often consists of Arsenic, Antimony, Bismuth, and sometimes Lead & Iron.

I should be pleased to furnish you with any samples you may require, or give you any information that I may possess in regard to Copper for special uses.

Truly Yours

James B. Cooper

# OFFICE OF CITY CLERK,

Rahway, N. J., Jan 15th 1880

To T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N J

At a Meeting of the Common Council held Jan 13th 1880, the following Resolution was adopted.

Resolved. "That the Fire men of all the" "Lamp posts and lanterns in this City, be and" "the same are hereby tendered under the" "Supervision of the Lamp Committee to Prof. Edison" "for such experiments as he may desire with" "his Electric Light."

Yours Respectfully

Mark D. Tier
City Clerk

Thank him

Grafocenda Relium
Ticket

Philo Jan 16. 1881

Mr Edison

Dear Sir

I see by this mornings papers your lamps are breaking If you can send me one of them or a return ticket I think I can help you out of your difficulty as I am a practical Glass blower and understand the manufacturing of the material of what your lamps are made of

Respectfully yours

Austin Kenney

622 Adams st Phila Pa

Ans Jany 16. 80
J H White
a Jany 23

Can get it in shape
Room 91. No 71 B'way
Jany 16. 1880

Prof. Edison,
My dear Sir,

Reading in to-days' papers of some trouble with your glass globes, the idea has come to me that perhaps Mica can be used to advantage. I believe that it does not contract or expand under the influence of either heat or cold.

I know of no means of forming sheets of Mica to meet your use, but must to your ingenuity to find them.

I can only say that I shall be pleased to give you, if you wish them, some sheets of clear mica of such thickness that you may be able to rift them, until you find the thickness required to meet a pressure of 14 lbs to the sq. inch.

If you succeed in thus utilizing

mica, I can furnish you with all you may wish, & of so clear & transparent a nature as to answer your purpose,

Yours truly

C. A. White.

PS. Allow me to add that Messrs Dorsey & Robinson of 61 B'way have seen large & varied specimens of the mica of wh., I will send you some, if you desire.

New York, January 16th 1880

Thomas A Edison Esq.
Menlo Park, N.J.

Sir -

A material (silica) for making glass is found at Golden, Colorado for toughness and strength, no other substance has been found to equal it. Samples of the rough glass are in this city. The glass works here, have tested it. It might answer to make the globes, or lamps for the Electric Light.

Your Obt Servant

W. Miller
645 Broadway
New York

all glass is made from silica its the peculiar combination of other substances with silica that gives Condell & son different qualities

645 Broadway
N.Y.

OFFICE OF

# THOMAS P. HUGHES,

# PLUMBING & GAS FITTING,

189 WEST MADISON ST.

Chicago, Jan 16th 1880

We are now using aluminum pots to equally distribute heat & also prevent lemons from turning black when stewed

Prof. Edison

Dear Sir

Thanks for your information. The Chicago Tribune of this date publishes an alleged interview with you and says you can not tell why your globes broke where your wire enters. Some years ago I was strung my gas globes with a copper wire and several hours after the globes went to pieces. This is just what is the matter with your globes and platinum wire. If you put a lead collar into your globe and cement it right then solder your wire to this collar your globes will not break if treated properly.

Yours Thos P. Hughes

OFFICE OF GEO. S. EATON,
Manufacturer of all kinds of
METAL MOULDINGS,
AND
FLEXIBLE METALLIC OIL CLOTH BINDING.
14 DUNHAM PLACE,
Near Broadway,

Brooklyn, E. D., Jan 16th 1880

Edison

Dear Sir:

To remedy the glass from breakage, insert in the globe before exhausting and leaving enough water to come within 1 in of the carbon, this will cool the wires and act as a damper in regulating the heat. All vapor or steam formed during the night, would be condense during the day when not in use — Yours truly

Geo S. Eaton

Water boils in a Vacuum
~~Even when~~ & the carbon would decompose & vapor be developed

Norvin Green, President
A. R. Brewer, Secretary,
New York.

James Gamble, Gen'l Supt.
Frank Jaynes, Ass't Gen'l Supt.
San Francisco.

# Western Union Telegraph Company

Office of the Gen'l Supt. of the Pacific Division.

San Francisco, Aug 16th 1880

It would be very
worth while

Thomas A. Edison, Esq.

Menlo Park, New Jersey.

Dear Sir,

Having read with interest the account, (as reported,) of your discovery of carbonized thread, paper, &c as a burner for your Electric Light, it struck me that compressed peat might be a substance that could be carbonized with good results for your purpose, provided it would have fibre enough to keep it from crumbling.

I do not know anything of the quality of peat found in the U.S., but having resided in Ireland, have seen some there that made as fine a fire as coal, and burned to very pure — if this is the word

to use, — ashes. It may be peat of a more fibrous nature would answer the purpose better. I remember some experiments in Ireland with compressed peat, for getting up steam in engines or boilers. I should say, when it was found that with it, steam could be got up in little more than half the time required by any combustible then used. Whether this may have any bearing in the matter, my want of chemical or scientific knowledge prevents me from knowing.

Having so lengthened out my experiments with interest, I happened to think of peat, and think it can do no harm to mention it to you, although probably you have tried it.

I am employed in Mr Gamble's office in a clerical position, but have no knowledge of telegraphy, or the workings of electricity, further that what I have

gathered from occasional reading.

Previous to leaving New York I was always employed in a Banking or Counting House. I mention this as an apology, lest what I have written in the first matter may not be said in a scientific way.

I had the pleasure of being introduced to you when you visited San Francisco, but of course you would not remember me.

Mr Prescott of the W. U. Tel. Co is a friend of mine.

Should my suggestion be of any service to you I shall be much pleased.

Yours respectfully,

John H. Henderson.

Menlo Park Jan. 17th 1880

Messrs Overdingh & Jones
Sharon Hill Delaware County
Pa.

Gentlemen

Please be so kind as to keep me well posted on the results of the experiments & tests of your Steam generator. I am at the present time highly interested in the progress of your Steam generators & engines in regard to the E. Light

Any information or description of details of the generator & engine you may be inclined to give will oblige yours.

Respectfully
T. A. Edison
pk.

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JAS. A. LEMON, President. C. F. WALTERS, Mechanical Manager. L. T. LEMON, Secy. & Treas.

# RICHMOND CITY MILL WORKS

MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS AND MANUFACTURERS OF

## MILL STONES

AND GENERAL MILL MACHINERY.

Richmond Ind. 1/17 1879

Mr Thos A Edison

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 13th to hand and noted the fact the Bristol you mention was put in yet.

Will say I have not as yet succeeded in producing the paper I want to make good the want (as I believe) of proper mechanical appliances as well as time to devote to the subject My time is occupied with my business leaving only evenings for experimenting

I am engaged in an other trial and if I dont get what I want I will then in either event lay the matter before you in detail say within three days

Yours Respectfully
W D Richards

Chicago Jany 18 80
J W Powers
air pump
a Jany 29

Thank for your offer
would you be so kind
as to give me a general
idea of the principle
so that I may judge if it is
more practical than one I now
have in view

Chicago Jan 18th 1880

Mr Edison

Dear Sir

I have recently invented an apparatus with which I produce a perfect vacuum, of course people doubt and dispute because physicists have said it was impossible, but this does not alter the fact. I have produced within a glass vessel a perfect vacuum in the presence of hundreds of people, many of them scientific men amongst whom are Prof Clough principle of the high school of Portage Wis, Prof Shaw Supt. of the city schools of Madison Wis, the State Supt of public Schools of Wis, and his assistant as well as Dr Piper a scientist of this city who all acknowledge that

I can and do produce a perfect vacuum with my valveless pump. Now it has been suggested that it might be useful to you in connection with your electric light. If such is the case and you have any use for it, it would afford me great pleasure to furnish you with an apparatus, or information necessary to its construction. Believe me I am prompted by no other motive than a desire to assist in the advancement of science in thus writing you, for, should I be privileged to provide you with my pump I desire to do so as a present and not otherwise. Should be pleased to hear from you at an early date.

Until such time I shall remain as ever your admirer and friend

J. W. Powers

274 Fulton St Chicago

Philada. Pa Jany 19, 80
A O Tauscher
a Jany 26

Philada. Jan 19th 1880.

Will make a trial of anything you have

Thomas A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir!

Having acquired in Europe much experience as well in the manufacturing, as in the conservation of glass, I am able to give you some valuable information in regard to making the the glass durable & expansive when hot. Besides this I know of a method which preserves the glass, so that, if it has become hot & comes in contact with water, it will not burst, at least very seldom.

If you should feel inclined to use these my two methods or one of them, after having

having made a trial of
their efficiency, I should very
much like to hear from
you.

Yours very respectfully
A. O. Tauschers

423 Brown St.
Philada. Pa.

M West Troy N.Y. Jany 19, 80
Geo Cain
Ans'd Jany 23

I think you misapprehend what kind of a vacuum pump is required
West Troy N.Y.
Jany 19th 1880

Mr Thomas A. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

I have noticed in several newspaper accounts that it requires about an hour for you to create a vacuum such as you desire in one of your bulbs for your electric lamp.

Having had a considerable experience in constructing air-pumps for my own use, I could not find any in the market suitable for my purpose

I am able to show you one that will do better work and in less time than any approaches that is now used for that purpose. If you desire me to build one for you, I would be pleased to have you inform me the capacity of the pump you require for your purpose.

I will agree to build you one and make a guarantee that it will be for superior to any now in use. I am not a pump maker, only construct them for my own use, I have therefore something entirely different, and as I say that I know from experience it is far superior to any now in the market. Would be pleased to have from you on this subject.

Yours Respect
Geo Clark
care of Joe Fletcher

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., Jany 19 1880.

Austin Kenney Esq
Phila

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 16th was duly rec'd. By presenting this note to Wm Morris Depot Master West Phila you will receive a ticket to New Brunswick or if they have them, to Menlo Park. I will furnish the return ticket.

Very truly
T. A. Edison
per G

Presented to
W M Morris 1/21/80

Wash Jany 19 80
Prof Simon Newcomb
ans'd by AE Jany 20

Nautical Almanac Office,
Navy Department, Will answer personally
Washington, D. C., Jan. 19th 1879.

My Dear Sir,

I wish to make one suggestion respecting the carbon electric light. If I understand the case correctly a carbon conductor gives much less light than a platinum one with the same power and resistance. yes.

Is this not owing to a want of solidity in the carbon and to its heterogeneous texture? May it not be that if you could give a

fun of carbon the most solid texture possible, you would get a great deal more light from it. I do not know whether the experiment is practicable but merely suggest something of the sort to you.

Mr. Michelson seems to think there is a very great obstacle in setting up our velocity of light apparatus at Menlow Park owing to the want of a hotel or boarding house where the operators can live and sleep.

Otherwise I should like very much to accept your kind offer as I think the advantages of your laboratory would be very great. I suppose we shall be ready in a couple of months.

Yours very truly,

Simon Newcomb

Thomas A. Edison, Esq.,
Menlow Park,
New Jersey.

GEO. H. LEVIS,

402 Locust St.

I would like to get an apparatus to anneal glass what can you do for me at that time

Philadelphia, Jan 20 1888

Thos. A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir,

I am interested in a Patent for annealing glass now in operation in Brooklyn -

By this process glass is made to stand the strongest heat without breaking - Lead can be melted in it.

At present we are annealing Chimneys - If of any use to you would be glad to have Aug. Meyer who superintends the Factory write you -

Yours

Wm Sperry

Sun Office January 20. 1880

The Mercury would cross the wires & the current would not pass through horse shoe - besides Mercury would volatilize in such high vacuum when heated by accumulation & which would it would not.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison, Dear Sir,

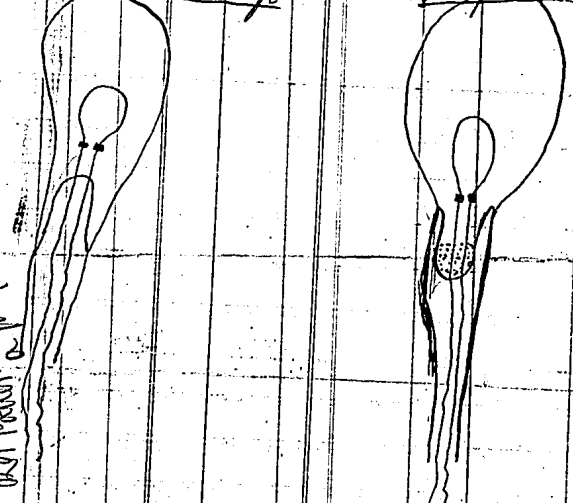
I visited your laboratory three or four times, soon after the lamps were set burning, to report for the Sun.

Would not a few drops of mercury left inside your lamp prevent breakage, either by the slightly unequal expansions ~~by heat~~ of the platinum wires and the glass, or by the over heating of the glass near point of intersection (by conduction of heat through wires from horseshoe)

(over

You would have to alter shape of lamp by reversing the present position of the lower bulb, as thus.

Present Lamp — Proposed Lamp.



Postscript
Perhaps sand would be better than mercury, as also for sand-baths in laboratories.

The dots represent the mercury. My idea is that it will spread the heat to all parts of the glass which it touches, and prevent it being carried directly down to the point of intersection.

Respectfully H. T. Patton

Mr. Edison
Menlo Park
N.J.

WINDOW GLASS,
WHITE, GREEN AND BLACK
GLASSWARE,
FLINT AND LIME
Glass Lamp Chimneys,
TABLE WARE,
TUMBLERS AND GOBLETS,
PRIVATE MOULDS,
AND ALL NEW ARTICLES.

H. C. Lippincott,
**GLASS BROKER,**
OFFICE, No. 3 SMITHFIELD STREET,
UNDER THE MONONGAHELA HOUSE,

Pittsburgh, Pa. Jany 20 1880

☞I advance my interests by securing you every advantage in price, quality, and prompt shipment of goods purchased through me. No charge to the buyer. Information by Mail or Telegraph cheerfully furnished.

Mr Edison

Dear Sir

Having read in the News Papers some items relating to the difficulties You have Encountered in Consequence of the Glass Globes breaking on account of the expansion of the wire when it enters the Globe, I Concluded to write You & Say that I think I Can put you on the track of getting Globes Made of a quality of Glass that the trouble will be as nearly overcome as is possible, in my opinion based on 20 Years experience in Glass Making there is but one kind of glass that Can be relied on for your purpose

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Pittsburgh, Pa. 18

☞I advance my interests by securing you every advantage in price, quality, and prompt shipment of goods purchased through me. No charge to the buyer. Information by Mail or Telegraph cheerfully furnished.

If you think I might possibly serve you I will be pleased to have you send me Sample by Mail or Express with a Statement of the difficulties experienced & such items as you see fit to Mention & I will take pleasure in giving You my best efforts with out charge

Yours truly
H. C. Lippincott

Sample with wire in Same as when in use

Our sole trouble is that there is tenacious in the glass & the wires generally break one post after glass [illegible] Before the [illegible] & Crockett Company

Pittsburg Jany 20. '00
H. C. Lippincott
A. Jany 24

We use a Potash glass
also a soft German glass
much used by makers of fine
Chemical glassware If
we could get a clear glass
that would conduct the
heat quickly so that tensions
would be equalized
rapidly that would
probably cure our trouble

file

Phila Jan 22. 1880

Mr Edison

Dear Sir

will you send me one of your lamps two dozen of your wires and one dozen of your tubes and I will put your wires in a different way and anneal them for you and send them up to you I think it will be worthy of a trial

Respectfully

Yours

Austin Denney

522 Adams st

Phila Pa.

Write & thank him
ask him for gas
statistics & send pamphlet
& Goddard

Holyoke, Mass.,
Jan. 22, 1880.

T. A. Edison, Esq.,
Menlo Park, N. J. – Dear Sir:

In response to your inquiry about the cost of water power at this place, I send you with this an illustrated paper which will give you full details.

I called upon Mr. Goddard the night morning after seeing you and made application regarding Holyoke, as you suggested.

Truly yours,
H. K. Hawes

Knoxville Tenn Jan 23rd 1880

Thomas A. Edison

Menlo Park N.J. Dear Sir - Yours of Jan 19th Came duly to hand - Thank him for his information while passing through the glass stage

I notice by papers you have some troubles to overcome in your Glass Burners - or lamps - I manufactured Mirror Glass 6 years - 4 in N.J. + 2 Here - + traded in Glass some 20 years Hence - allow me to make some suggestions - that may be of some service to you - in reference to them

First - for your purpose - the material in every part must be perfectly pure - + all through its process - any sand Speck - or from the Crucible - in it will cause it to crack by sudden changes of heat or cold -

The strength of Glass is in the enamel - The mouth of your Balls must be thoroughly anneal - + your Balls also thoroughly tempered - give them after made through Tempering in an oven to retain strength -

After this - take into consideration - if any heat inside you must protect outside to make a success

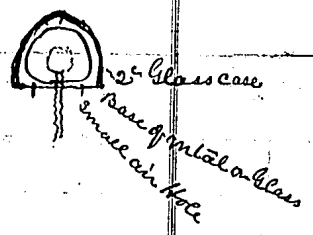
To do so - Make a second larger - Ball or case of Glass - + let it come down over - your first with a shoulder or stand around below your first - and let it have small air holes - only - in the base - this will protect - your first - from sudden currents of heat + cold - + not effect your light - by being of uniform circumference of the Globes to your first -

If much heat is acted on the first - it might be necessary to have a very small opening in top of 2nd (but small)

Again - to make it practical + permanent

On the street - you then place the Globe - into the ordinary Glass lamps as used on the street - to protect the Globe - from the various weather - knowing so well the Nature of Glass - I ~~give~~ make this suggestion for your consideration - and think you will find something similar will be necessary to ensure stability - in your Globes - & no Globe used that is not free of imperfection & also of even thickness - a thick side & a thin one will not be reliable - and a pure light can only be protected in the general manner herein indicated - And it will be an easy matter for you to test in comparison to your others - Respectfully Yours

Jno. S. Cleaveland




Mr Thomas Alva Edison
Menlo Park
N. J.

New Haven

New Haven Jan 24th /80

We have tried. Iridium
Block Carbon; platinum sponge
& Black with every oxide in
Nature except the latest
suggested & we get no
practical result
Carbon paper is perfectly satisfactory

Mr Edison

Dear Sir

Being one of that unfortunate class called inventors I have taken a deep interest in the success of your labors on the electric light. From newspaper reports obstacles seem yet to exist to its practical success. Several times within a few months the impulse has come over me to write and offer a suggestion to you without regard to taking the risk of seeming presumptious. Without stopping to explain difficulties as I understand them whether correct or not I offer a suggestion based upon

experience in building furnaces subjected to intense fire and where fire brick of the best quality were of no avail for any considerable length of time. To get rid of the difficulty I used a fire stone which can be had from two localities in the country and is cabable of withstanding any amt of heat which can be produced for an indefinite period of time. It has occurred to me that this refractory material might be used either alone or in combination with other materials to take the place of paper coolers if it has the proper conducting power. If not powdered it might be mixed with other materials to give this. At all events it would cost but little to try it.

Previously heated to a high temperature and afterward ~~and afterward~~ mixed with fire clay the mixture is infusible. Powdered Spongy Platinum mixed with this stone and fire clay might do it or carbon clay and stone might answer or a carbon pencil surrounded by clay and rock to protect from the action of oxygen if not in vacuo or in an atmosphere of nitrogen.

Several other suggestions have occurred which I will not stop to outline. None of these things may be good for anything trial alone ~~trial alone~~ must decide but if I were trying to solve such a problem should give them a test as it can be done quickly and

N Haven Jan 24 80
W Andrews
ans. Feb 8

Cheaply If what is here outlined is not good some kind night some of the trials that would give the key of the difficulty You may have traversed this field already I know not If so this will only cost the time of reading and can do no other harm Chemistry applied to the arts has been my specialty and I have learned some facts therein unknown to others If you should see fit to make any inquiries they will receive attention Wishing you success I remain

Respectfully Yours

A. F. Andrews
187 Temple St
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T A Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J. Dear Sir
Your of 12th to hand in reply would say that I would suppose that your shortest way through the difficulty would be to have glass made especially adapted to your purposes if you are disposed to send me a sample globe with the wire attached I would very cheerfully give you my best efforts toward a solution of the trouble, I think there is a way through it. Yours truly
H C Lippincott

I want tubing of 2 sizes made. Shape like several samples of glass inside in tube like sample one

Sent you:
we have tried Lime glass
no good, Potash glass,
pretty good, no other kind
tried, It may be that
lead glass having large
quantity lead would answer
our purpose better as its
power of conducting heat
probably will probably
increase with the
~~amount~~ amount of lead

Yrs &c Boehm for
samples of tubes large
+ small grades on Lamp
+ sand — inch of each
circle

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE,

SWARTHMORE, DEL. CO. PA.

1st Mo. 24th, 1880

T. A. Edison,
Esteemed friend:

I thank thee for thy courteous reply to my very crude enquiries as to the "switch" required for the new light. The working in multiple arc was what I did not understand until my recent very satisfactory visit to Menlo Park. I regretted that there was not more time to converse with thee, but I knew that it would be wrong to encroach upon the time of one so constantly and engrossingly occupied. I received very ample and kind attentions from Mr Roth, whose name was given to me by my good friend Henry Bentley.

I understand that some of the scientists have made what they call a "mathematical demonstration" that thou hast reached the limit of possibility as to the amount and cheapness of electrical light from incandescence, and that hence thy experiments must end in failure and disappointment. The absurd predictions made so many times by "scientists", and their complete refutation by subsequently developed stubborn facts that would not correspond with their fine theories, might make them somewhat modest about announcing, in undue haste, the "mathematical proof" of what, in the present condition of scientific knowledge, must be largely determined by experiment and observation.

Very respectfully thy friend
Edwd Hagill

m/

G W Clark
file rooms

West Troy N.Y.
Jan 25th 1880

Mr Thomas A. Edison
Dear Sir

Your letter in regard to air-pump just received. I am building one for my own use & shall complete it in about five days. I have examined the Ritchie & Sprengle pumps, neither of which being suitable for my purpose, they being too complicated. Any boy can run my pump after receiving a very little instruction.

For anything up to a
29 in Vacuum I use Water
To obtain a Torricellian
Vacuum which I can do,
I use Mercury.
My opinion is not founded
upon theory, upon from
actual practice.
This apparatus is much
more simple, cheap and
durable than any more
in use. This is a great
improvement over pumps
which I have kept for
sale for my own use, as
soon as I finish this one
I will apply for Letters
Patent. Hoping you
will consider it for your
interest to apply such
I am Your Respectfully
Your Friend Geo Clark

Thank him

J. City Jan 26/80

Mr. T. Edenson

Dear Sir

In passing Metro Park about 10 45 P.M. a large number of passengers have heard of your light but do not know that we go away where upon it a great many passengers from the South and I take pleasure to show them both ways and it pleases them very much on Saturday night I had a very good time and I got them all out to see the light but no light burning so they were fooled so I hurd to go to. Any one will explain the Mr Edenson had gone to bed and blowed his light out Some days Candy clean When one you giving us taffy in going through my time of life some of them gave it to me they said their Camp Edenson

in J City Jany 26/80
J E Field
a Jany 29

Some said Tom how is your lights
they were not needed but keeping
me a little all fine last night I
telephoned to know if the lights were
burning before I left and the hoogs
were very mutched I hope
you place at 5 45 All in the
morning and in was all ok this
morning We have a good lot of fire
I like Mitchell & Brosnick hoogs
as well as Stages Model you like
to see the Edison light Boat is a
big hoot amongst us you lighthouse
Shlendid and I hope you may
Succeed

Yours Truly

J. E. Tuttle
Conductor
Night Mail Ed
P.R.R.

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New York, Jany 2 1880

Thos A. Edison Esq

Dr Sir.

I am confident I can make some sug=
=gestions regarding the glass portion of your lamps,
& in preserving the vacuum, that would be valuable
to you; on presentation of these you could test same,
& thus be able to cover their use by patent on your
Lamps: Should these suggestions be made & prove
successful in accomplishing your ends, would you
give me, as a recompense, say 20 Shares of Electric
Light Co. Stock? Some acquaintance with Glass,
& just a smattering as to Electricity, make me but an
index finger to point the road.

The De La Bastie (or Oil tempering) process, or
the use of Super-heated Steam process, for annealing the
glass globe portion of your lamp is sufficient & necessary,
but my ideas relate to the inner tube through which
the wires pass to the inside of globe, and is, as I
understand, the weak portion of your lamp, when the
glass proves defective from cracks caused by expansion.

(over)

of the wires in heating —

My address is (for a few days) to the New York city Post office.

Very respectfully

James H. Shields —

formerly with the Cement Association, Louisville, Ky. and Cashier & Sec'y of the Plate Glass Co. at Jeffersonville, Ind.

See N.Y. Journal
James H. Shields
no date

Phila January 28 '80
H S Woodbury
No ans

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No. 524 ARCH STREET

PHILADELPHIA January 28th 1880

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park N. J.

Dear Sir.

A short time ago I spoke to you about bringing a few prominent men from Philadelphia to inspect your system of electric lighting at the laboratory. A company has been formed and I believe a charter has been obtained for the purpose of introducing the light in the State of Pennsylvania, these men are the projectors of the company and will act

under concessions which are to be obtained from the Edison Electric Light Co of New York. I have written to Mr Goodyear in reference to the matter and have his reply stating that he will apprise you of our intended visit.

Should you be able to give the party your personal attention it would be a great favor and no doubt render their visit much more pleasant as well as instructive, they mean business and want a practical insight into your system of lighting

Very truly.

Ho. S. Stroudenburg

He will be over to-morrow (Thursday) evening. H.S.W.

effect might be better or worse than with your bristle board, but it seems worth trying.

Yours very truly
Simon Newcomb

Nautical Almanac Office,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C., Jan 28, 1880

Prof Newcomb
Norris

Get former letters

Thomas A Edison Esq

My Dear Sir,

You do not seem to have caught my idea about the electric light. It was not to use platinum, but some form of carbon of metallic solidity and compactness, should such be formed. It might do as well to lay cotton fibre running the whole length of your horseshoe. That is, take cotton stuff, comb it out, paste the fibres together into a mass of the right length, and bake that. The

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New York, 1-28 1880

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My Dear C

By enclosed you will see that some beats are raising money here on strength of having rights for your rights for Wash'n,

Because the Edison Telephone is being run here as a tail to the Bell kite, they think the lights must be a tail to some thing - & so they advertise it as a tail to Sawyer!!!!

I have some of the best men here ready to put up money on Wash'n, but Lowry told me the Co would not make any promises yet.

I hear that these beats have a license or promise of one from a

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P. O. BOX 2702. 2 New York, 18

man ~~[illegible]~~ named Kent who says he has organized 100 companies & has the inside through a Tarrytown friend.

If you have not done so would you write to Co & ask if they will let you know when they are ready to contract for Wash'n.

Yrs

G H Painter

[ENCLOSURE]

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Pursuant to the statute in such case provided, the stockholders in said company are hereby requested to attend a meeting of the said company and stockholders thereof on TUESDAY, the 10th day of February, proximo, at 7 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of choosing officers and transacting any other business that may come before said meeting.

HORACE LITTLE,
J. J. NEWELL.

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## ELECTRIC LIGHT AND ELECTRIC LIGHT STOCKS.

While EDISON has been spreading himself over whole pages of the New York papers and shouting us deaf over his alleged discoveries in electric lighting, SAWYER, his great competitor, has kept quietly on at his work.

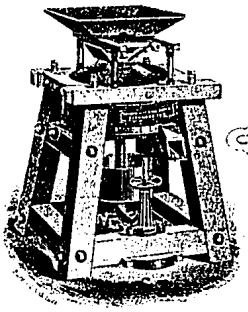
Reliable advices from both headquarters leave no doubt that in all that is useful and practical SAWYER is a long way ahead. But for a temporary injury to his eyes recently, he would ere now have thrown his invention open and shown to the world the astonishing perfection he has reached, and the simplicity and great value of his system. But public demonstration is at hand when all will have a chance to see and judge for themselves.

Another noticeable difference in the two men and systems is; while the friends of EDISON took advantage of their own tidal wave to sell large amounts of their stocks at fabulous prices, the SAWYER people would not, and did not, sell a single share, though pressed with numerous offers to buy at double the par value of the shares.

In our opinion, this at least proves the confidence of the owners, those most likely to be posted in the merits and value of the SAWYER system of electric lighting—*Exchange.*

As seen by notice in our columns yesterday, the Washington Electric Light Company are preparing for business. To make success doubly assured, it is understood the Washington company have secured the right to operate *both* the SAWYER and the EDISON systems.

Jos. G. Simon, President — C. F. Walters, Mechanical Manager — L. T. Simon, Sec'y & Treas.



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MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS AND MANUFACTURERS OF

## MILL STONES

AND GENERAL MILL MACHINERY.

Richmond, Ind. 1/20 1879

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Mr Thos A. Edison
Menlo Park N. J.

Dear Sir

As I promised I will now give you a report on my experiments in making paper for electric lights without going into details as to my experiments which have been of such a nature as to prove to my self that it is practical. but in brief my paper was made in this way I procured some asbestos paper and some Bristol Board and by soaking them they were immediately pulped I then placed the substance between the sheets of the bristols and subjected them to pressure while I had conclusion that the product was not solid enough on an other trial I pasted the paper for (semi pulp then fly) between rolls which gave better results yet I didnt have pressure enough in the rolls to properly solidify the paper I then placed the paper in a clay matrix on

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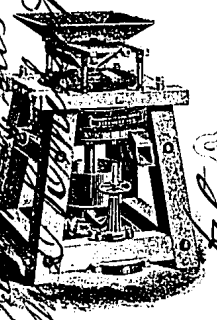

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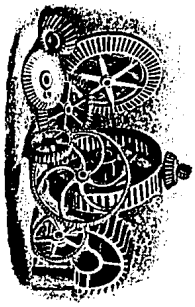

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and carbonized it,
shield and after several trials I obtained a favorable result

I think the following plan is a better way to produce the paper I would let it take finely pulverized asbestos and mix it with proper Bristol Bd stock as to the amt of asbestos advisable you could only ascertain by actual experiment with large or smaller quantities or proportions

Although there is much it to be said in favour of the three ply but in preparing it it is necessary to callender (or roll it with) with great pressure to insure a close union of the whole stock

Of course you are familiar with the old hand process of making paper and by that means you can try the paper with any amt of the asbestos you think proper

I will now leave this with you and I hope it may prove of service in your business if anything more is desired of information I will be glad to impart any information asked.

This letter I do not feel satisfied to leave of any excuse as you may show in the matter of this letter, please address Richmond Ind. if and always yours &c

T A E
Personal

will say we only
wanted for a little
while as several
Engineers have
Expressed a desire to
Silence our Engine

Fitchburg Mass Jan. 30 - 1880.

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 23rd asking for reducing motion for indicator came duly to hand, and should have been answered before.

Our wood workmen have been very busy or we would have had one made. As we do not find a them in Boston we send you the only one we have which has been used but twice, rather than to delay long enough to make you a better one.

Do you wish to use a while to experiment with, and then return, or to keep it?

If you wish to keep one we will make a nicer one and exchange if you desire.

Presume you fully understand how to use it.

If not please let us know and we will send sketch and instructions.

Respect Yours C. H. Brown & Co.

New York, January 30th 1880

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park
N. J.

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Dear Sir

Your favor of Jan 24th is received. You will excuse my reply. The substance, or Silica, found at Golden, Colorado, is of a greenish tint, similar to the Bohemian glass, with toughness, and strength. The Pittsburgh glass works have used it. I found by using two globes, for the electric light or lamp, the outer one protects the inner, and is a sure preventive against cracking. This is patentable

Yours Respectfully
W. Miller
687 Broadway
New York

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Ypsilanti, Mich., Jan 31 1880

YOURS OF
COME TO HAND.

Mr Edison Esq
Menlo Park
Just arrived home from my Eastern trip this evening having been gone longer than I anticipated when I saw you.

Will look over the stock of paper on hand tomorrow (Sunday) and send some samples at once.

Very Respectfully Yours &c
Clark Cornwell Sec'y

Ef. J C Henderson a Feb 2 '80

OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY,

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,

20 NASSAU STREET, ROOM 24,

NEW YORK, Jan 31st 1880

Better Come up here Letter coming

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park

Dear Sir/

With regards to the Electric Light on the "S. S. Columbia" I beg to submit the following for your approval or alteration as the case may be

Firstly in relation to the speed of the pulley on the generator, you did not tell me how many Revol: per minute it required for its maximum effect, but I suppose it requires about 800 per minute if that is correct or not please let me know, again instead of running with leather belts from a counter shaft, I propose to run with

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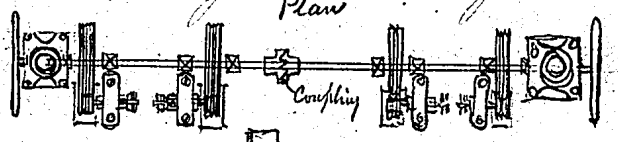
Frictional gearing as per sketch for this reason, the counter shafts Pulleys & belts will make a humming noise, a very bad thing in a ship

Plan

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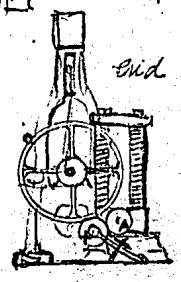

O is the driving frictional pulley on the engine shaft.

X is an intermediate acting as a tightener or clutch, to throw dynamo off or on, as the case may require

A the pulley on the Dynamo

If there is any thing to prevent me doing so please advise me. for if there is any danger of the current being carried off through the pulleys to the main shaft I can interpose

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a conductor between Dynamo & pulley.

Secondly as regards the lamp itself can I support it in a wire cage without running the chances of it cracking when heated. for as you proposed to suspend it from the ceiling it is the only way I can think of doing it, and being on board of a ship it will have to be rigid, so as to keep it from swinging and as I suppose that all of your lamps will be of the same length I will put them up in this manner that is if you dont think it will be detrimental to them

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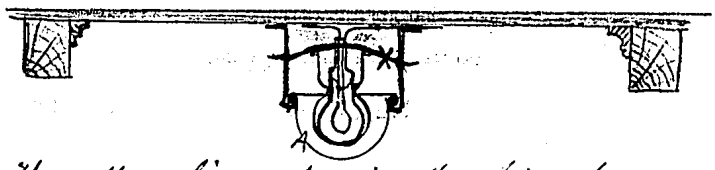


The yellow line showing the fine brass wire supporting lamp.

A being an opal shade outside of the lamp.

X being a metal reflector and heat protector for the ceiling carrying the opal shade, and wire bracket holding the lamp, and screwed up to the ceiling solid. in the other rooms I will put an ordinary gas bracket with globe - or that if you can oblige me with a lamp (a Broken one will do) to fit to, it will oblige and help me along considerably. also will you supply the sockets to drop the lamps into or will I get them

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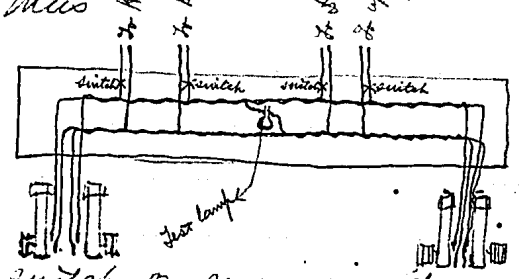
made out of wood myself,
also will I take the main wires
from the dynamo's and twist
them into a cable and then
branch off from them by the circuit
wires thus




with a switch on every circuit, and a
test lamp between the main cables.
for the engineer to control them by
or will I use a 3/8" dia copper rod
instead of twisting them together
and lastly what actual Horse
power will I provide to run the
four dynamo's with. I dont.

think from what I saw that each one ought to take more than two H.P. which would make eight but twelve I think should be all sufficient.

Also if you will let me know the party that is building the dynamos for us I will send the friction pulley's for them.

In trusting you will excuse me for this long account

I remain Yours Respectfully

St George Hotel
Philadelphia
Pa

J. C. Henderson
C Engineer
O.R. & N. Co.

P.S. if it will suit you better I will come up for your answers to the different things if you drop me a postal to that effect

JH

Phila. Feb. 2d 80.

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir!

In receipt of your favor of the 27th, I beg leave to state that I shall send you two samples of my preparations on Wednesday next.

Yours respectfully
H. O. Tanrocher
423 Brown St.

T. A. Sump

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., Feby 2d 1880.

Get from Boehm ~~Boston~~ samples of tubes large & small as used in lamps and send by Express to

H C Lippincott
3 Smithfield St
Pittsburgh Pa

an inch of each will do

T A E

Johnson Sump
P C Cooper & Co

Have an order with Sump direct and send by Express to above address

W Carman

Not will not make a rae that cutting out to anything Carbon rubber is flexible or easily shaped

Worcester Mass.
Feb. 2, 1880 -

Thos. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir - I have read the description of your Electric Light in Scribner's Magazine for February.

A perfect vacuum [Torricelli's] may be produced by filling the [inverted] lamp with mercury and drawing it off through the tube, F. which must of course be more than 39 inches long - (See Fig. 8, p. 537).

If the carbon horse shoe, L, is not strong enough, it may be overlaid in tin foil; which will be melted by the first current.

Please notify me if this suggestion has value.

Yours truly, A.P. Marble.

PLINY B. SMITH. OFFICE OF T. S. E. DIXON.
DIXON & SMITH,
PATENT ATTORNEYS,
CORNER LA SALLE AND MADISON STREETS,
Rooms 43 and 45 Major Block,
CHICAGO, Feb. 2 1880.

Mr Upton
per reply

Thomas A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir:

Please pardon the liberty I take in consuming a moment of your valuable time.

Reading last evening Mr. Upton's clear and luminous description of your electric light, two suggestions occurred to me which an impulse prompts me to lay before you. They are so very simple that I hardly venture to state them, as they are so likely to have been considered.

First, to overcome the annoying and merely mechanical difficulty of the cracking of the glass, through which the platinum wires pass, I would suggest that, instead of passing the wire through the glass, a small brass cylinder or tube

be passed through the glass, this cylinder having a thin wall and an interior bore possibly not exceeding an eighth of an inch diameter; if preferred its exterior surface might be corrugated to make more secure the union of the glass. Then pass the platinum wire through the center of this tube and close in a suitable manner by a "non-air-conducting" material the outer end. The air now being exhausted from the globe and tube the expanding and contracting platinum wire should have no effect upon the glass. To prevent the wire from touching the brass or even slightly heating it a packing of asbestos, plaster of Paris or cement of similar "non-heat-conducting" substance might be interposed. Or, by means of screw-caps on the ends of the tube



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CHICAGO, 1880.

this packing might possibly be brought under such pressure as to be, itself, non-air-conducting also, in spite of the alternate expansion and contraction of the platinum wire. I purposely leave the suggestion incomplete as to the manner of closing the outer end of the tube. The element of vitreous fracture is now removed from the problem and the door opened for the employment of the best among a large variety materials.

My second suggestion relates to the production of a vacuum in the globe.

In my college days a favorite experiment was the production of chlorine and I became somewhat familiar with its properties.

My suggestion is that previous to producing a vacuum in the globe

it be filled with chlorine. This heavy gas will readily displace the air.

Then exhaust the chlorine and however imperfect the vacuum no harm can result, as "neither charcoal, diamond nor plumbago, provided they be pure, are affected by chlorine. They do not combine with it and may be heated in it to whiteness without undergoing any alteration." Carbon cannot directly unite with chlorine, which is not true of nitrogen or any other gas, although chlorine supports the combustion of other substances. The principal function of the vacuum would then be to prevent the radiation of heat to the globe.

This process of producing a vacuum for your purpose is clearly patentable, provided chlorine has not been used for this purpose in this relation before, as



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no other gas has its peculiar properties. Carbon, also, heated in chlorine cannot change into the form of graphite.

Possibly an advantage would be gained by uniting the platinum to the ordinary wires within a small supplementary globe or bulb filled with chlorine, when if the interior passage became imperfect no harm would result, and if the exterior passage were injured the odor would attract timely attention. In the exterior passage there would be but slight expansion and contraction.

I have not "reduced to practice" any of these incomplete suggestions, nor shall I. The law was settled in the Supreme Court, in the case of Prof. Morse, that a distinguished inventor laboring in the field of scientific research is at liberty to avail himself of suggestions

and counsel from every quarter without impairing his rights as an inventor. "And the fact that Morse sought and obtained the necessary information and counsel from the best sources and acted upon it, neither impairs his rights as an inventor, nor detracts from his merit."
Of course this letter is confidential on my part, and while I cannot expect that the suggestions made are of any value, I trust that this letter, in the spirit in which it is written, will not be regarded as an impertinence.

Yours truly,
T. S. E. Dixon.

P.S. Mr. Upton will find a note from my pen in the American Journal of Mathematics Vol. 1. No. 2.

C. CORNWELL, PRES. CLARK CORNWELL, SEC'Y.

OFFICE OF

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YPSILANTI, MICH., Feb 4 1880

Hold for arrival of samples when pin expires

YOURS OF
COME TO HAND.

Thos A Edison

Dear Sir

I send you today by Am Exp. a sample of wood paper. to find out if this material will make the cartons you require.

I will have to make some changes in the machinery to make the required thickness and finish.

If this material is any better than Bristol Board or other material you use. (I can only experiment on Sundays as we are so crowded with other orders.) I will try and make the paper you require. Let me hear from you soon as: convenient and Oblige Yours Clark Cornwell

Samples received very thankfully but don't work well for some reason our sea island cotton paper is giving good satisfaction as Thanks for the Carbon sent Orl. C. C.

The Cartons is made from Rice

Holyoke Mass.
Feb. 4, 1880.

T. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir:

Town of Lenox
Recd. & paper sent Mr. Goddard —
I shall be pleased
to send you gas statistics; but, can
do so more satisfactorily for both of
us, if you will state the points you
wish them to cover. as our lawyers
say give me a bill of particulars —

Want the Capital stock
No of 1000 feet gas sold
yearly — price per 1000 to
small & large consumers
No men employed per gas works
ground occupied — If the good gas

Very truly yours,
A. K. Stanes

#4 - Newport R.I. 7/5/80

T. Edison -
Menlo Park.

Mr Starbuck will call upon you tomorrow in my behalf in regard to European stock

H Villard

15 paid
Hotsw
1.10 pm

1/

Newport R.I. 7/6/80

T A Edison
Menlo Park.

Can you see Mr Starbuck in regard to the matter about which I telegraphed you yesterday if he comes out on the one o'clock train

H. Villard Presdt
Oregon Steam Navigation Co
NY

25 paid
Hotsw
10.39 am
2 Collect

Yes sir
T A Edison

GEO. H. LEVIS,

402 Locust St.

Philadelphia, Feby 6 1880

T A Edison Esq

Dear Sir

I wrote you some days since in relation to annealing some of your globes; if the proposition contained in my letter was not satisfactory to you what would be? I really think I can be of service in the matter proposed.

Very truly yrs

Geo H. Levis

GEO. H. LEVIS,

402 Locust St.

Philadelphia, Jany 31st 1880

T. A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir.

Mr Wm Sperry wrote me the 20th concerning our process for annealing glass. You replied promptly on the 23d.

Would it be practicable for you to permit us to anneal six of your globes. Our process to a certain extent does away with the brittle nature of the glass.

If we can do these globes we can then be of much help to you. If it is desirous to push it send them to above address at once.

Yours Very truly

Geo. H. Levis

Brooklyn E.D. Feb. 9th/1880.

Mr. Edison
Dr Sir

I am ready for your experiments
-for Glass my Furnace is ready
for next week to work I would
like to see you by Saturday if
convenient at Menlow Park
wish for an early reply.

Respectfully yours.

Alphonse Pettier

7 Yates ave Brooklyn
E.D.

**Consulate General of Russia**
*to the United States.*

No 52 T. N. E.

New York 9th February 1880.

If you can write a general idea of our system & what we propose to do. Let me see it
Dear Sir

(I suggest referring him to the Scribner article &)

Vice Admiral Pestchouroff, requests me by a letter of which I have the honor to enclose a translation, to give him particulars on your last remarkable invention in the sphere of Electric Light.- Not being competent myself to treat the subject, and not wishing to give eventually incorrect information,- should I take them out of the Local Newspapers - I take the liberty to apply to you hoping that one of your Secretaries may forward to me, the positive elements of an answer to the admiral's enquiries

I have the honor to be

Dear Sir

Very respectfully

J. J. Rantzenary

Consul General

To Mr. Edison
Menlo Park
N.J.

[ENCLOSURE]

Translation of a letter addressed by Vice Admiral Pestchouroff Director in the Imp.l Russian Ministry of the Navy to P. de Kartchevsky - Consul General of Russia in New York.

Dear Sir.

Many of the European Newspapers and more particularly the London Times have published lately several articles about a happy and remarkable solution by Mr. Edison of the problem of applying the electric light, for the illumination of buildings and streets. The Imp.l Ministry of the Navy attaches the highest importance to the questions relative to the Electric Light, but not knowing what in the Newspaper articles must be accepted as real truths, I beg to address myself to your Excellency, requesting you to inform me in what consists the last of Mr. Edisons remarkable inventions - in the sphere of Eletric Light.

Respectfully

(signed) Pestchouroff.

Feby 9, 80
1 or 2 pm

Wm T Edison

Will see you tomorrow afternoon answer whether convenient

W H Starbuck

Rec'd
to 9.

3 New York Feby 10/80
Wm Edison
Mr Villard too ill to converse with me in regard to your matter soon as he is able will talk to him and if difficulty what we will do is this satisfactory

H H Starbuck

3 2 pd
R2

LEMUEL W. SERRELL
SOLICITOR OF
AMERICAN & FOREIGN PATENTS
140 NASSAU STREET,
P.O. Box, 4689.

New York, Feb. 11th 1880.

Thos. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir:

In regard to the samples of annealed glass which you recently tested and found unsatisfactory, the party who furnished the samples states that he was not aware for what they were intended, and that they were of a poor quality.

He is confidant that he can produce a glass sufficiently tough to answer the purpose.

If you think it worth while, please send me a few of your globes, and I will forward them to him ~~for~~ to prepare them for your tests.

Yours truly
Lemuel W. Serrell
N. Pinckney

If you can suggest or explain
my way I will pay you first

Thomas A. Edison. Esq.

Dear Sir,

I am a glass manufacturer and have a great deal of experience in combining glass with metal, and reading in the papers, that your electric lamps are cracking from such imperfect combination and being able to give you some valuable advices for the more perfect construction of the same, I therefore take the liberty to offer you my services for such purpose.

Very respectfully

Grumbank, Feb 13th 1880.
Burlington Co.
NJ

Yours ect.
Chas. Browne.

Thank him kindly for his report received = G. Haines 6 Feb 1880

Moulton
Northampton
England
14 Feb 1880

T. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir

I have been to the Paper Mills and have secured the necessary information and samples of their make which is the best in the Kingdom as the make for the Bank of England and the Government Postage Stamps. The sample sheet of Bank Note Paper is all what they call "Strong" all best Linen, that sheet of foil flat through the handle of a 56 lb weight must both ends at tips and stretch the paper in one hand will lift the weight without injuring the paper at all. They can make that to any thickness you may require in sheets of any size ordered they could be cut at your end to suit. The sheets could be ordered so as to cut a certain number without waste. All their Paper is Hand Made by ordering large sheets less expense, as a small sheet is just as much labour all through as a large one.

There is no Mineral or any other substance or matter whatever in the make of any of their Papers. The "Royal" is tinted with best "Imperial Blue". The Bank Note Paper Linen is washed with pure water not a particle of Soda. So it is thus the "Strong" Paper is all Linen

and nothing used in the Grinding or Making from beginning to end but a continuous Grinding in Pure water until the Pulp becomes in appearance like unto Thick Cream then it is ready for the Frame and Paper.

The two Samples of Pulp are only in part ground. They are both Cotton and Linen the whiter one has more Linen in it they call it "Stronger" than the other. — (They had no Pulp all Linen ready)

The sample that "Royal" is the best they make for Ledgers that has been "Glazed" nothing put upon it; simply rolled between burnished copper plates If you order should you wish it (Rolled Glazed) I could not get the price per lb but at about the same as charged to Government that is the very best Linen "Strong" thought it might come something under 2/6 per lb the size of the Sheet would make a difference the larger the cheaper less labour. I think they buy new Linen for strength They will make a 100 lb Sample but if it exceeds a few pounds we must take it

They do not make "Bristol" Board they think it is made by Machinery part of not all Cotton

I have written to "Bristol" there are 4 Mills but neither make the Board now it is made in Scotland I have written there, no answer at present

When I get it will write particulars.

Try what effect saturating your bird in Malt Vinegar and then gradually dry it before Charring after Charring also and dry or any Strong Acid

Yours Respectfully
G. Haines

P.S. Your correspondent is an Old Man 70 Years of age on the 17 of March next. 1880.
St Patrick's ~~Day~~ Day
Not an Irish Man.

Office of L. P. Haskell,

DENTIST

125 State Street,
Corner Madison.

Chicago, Feb. 14 1880

Mr. Edison,

Gold alloys easily with Platinum Etc

Dear Sir:

A thing was brought to my notice yesterday which it occurred to me might interest you in connection with your "Carbon horseshoe." It was a relic from the "great fire" in the shape of a spool of cotton. The cotton was completely charred, but the spool was charred still more, so that it could be moved inside of the cotton. I thought you might possibly derive a hint from it, which would be of value to you.

In reading some time since of your experiments with Platinum, I was reminded of a fact in regard

Office of L. P. Haskell,

DENTIST

125 State Street,
Corner Madison.

Chicago, ..... 187

to platinum, that I had long been conversant with. In making sets of artificial teeth, on platinum, and covering it with porcelain, when soldering the platinum I use pure gold, and find that in baking the porcelain at a temperature of 2500 to 3000, all traces of the gold disappear into the plate. And it is astonishing what an amount of gold will thus be absorbed by the former metal, showing that it ~~must~~ cannot be as dense as is usually supposed.

Truly yours
L. P. Haskell

London,- 4, Cloak Lane, E.C.
Lille,- 212, Rue de Paris.

ALBION TUBE WORKS,

Birmingham, Feb. 16. 1880.

T. A. Edison Esq.

Menlo Park. N.J.

Dear Sir,

We are much obliged for your note of 2nd inst., and we quite see that the present time is too early for you to say anything about Tube Contract, but we venture to hope that when the proper time arrives you will not forget our application, and will favour us with some specifications, which we shall esteem it an honor to execute.

We are.

Yours truly

Lloyd & Lloyd.

Brooklyn Feb 17 '80

J A Good

Noans

file

Brooklyn E. D.
Feby. 17th 1880.

Mr. Edison

Dear Sir!

I presume you will remember that about four weeks since, I spoke to you in reference to what I considered a better material for your carbon Horseshoe than what you were using but at that time, was not prepared to submit it. I am in a position to do so now, and will be at your Laboratory to morrow Evening (Feby 18th) at about 8 o'clock P.M. When I will present specimens for trial. Hoping to meet you at that time.

I am &c
Yours very truly J A Good

over

79-4th-

If you should be unable
to see me, at that time,
will you please telegraph
me at my Expense.
I will also bring with me,
the gentleman who owns
the Gold bearing ledges
in Ulster Co. N.Y. who is
my personal Friend
G.

MEMORANDUM.

New York, Feb 24 1890

To Thos A Edison

Menlo Park

Dear Sir

FROM

The Buckeye Engine Company,

EXPERTS IN STEAM ENGINEERING,

EASTERN AGENCY,

Exclusively for the Sale of the Buckeye Automatic Cut-off Engines, East of the Meridian of Washington, D. C.

Room 42, Coal and Iron Exchange,

COR. COURTLANDT AND CHURCH STS.

WM LEE CHURCH, GEO. A BARNARD, Managers.

NEW YORK.

Yours received. It strikes me that the definition immediately following our objectionable "33,000 foot-pounds" lets us out as to the element of time included. Any how the Buckeye can raise a foot-pound a minute, whatever the rest of the boys can do. Meanwhile we don't see the 3 Hendy Plays, but will summon a yelm at your expense on the next incursion. Hoping you will continue to absorb wisdom from our pamphlet, we are still the Buckeye Engine Co

per Yours &c Church

Nautical Almanac Office,
Navy Department,
Washington, Feb. 24, 1880

Prof Newcomb
no ans

file

Thomas A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir,

I have been lately studying out the principles on which electric lighting depends and devising a system of applying them. The result is that I have hit upon a plan which, so far as I know, is new, but which will require a good deal of experimenting inside

to determine whether it is practicable, and how it may best be carried out. You are in a vastly better condition than I am for such trial, and I am willing therefore to turn over the whole matter to you for what it may be worth. Perhaps a fair arrangement would be that if any of my own plans are successful without any great modification, I should have one half the patent right. If new and laborious additional contrivances are required then I to have one third, always supposing, of course, that my proposed system is the one used.

If these terms are acceptable to you, let me know, and I will forward you complete description and explanation, with description of several paten-

table famous, some of which you might be able to try within 24 hours.

Yours very truly

Simon Newcomb

Nautical Almanac Office,

Navy Department,

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25, 1880

Yes tried that but there is too much radiating surface so that there is no economy

Dear Sir,

Since meeting you yesterday, I find that you have already patented one application of my system so that it is not likely that I can suggest anything new to you. I mean the combination of finely divided metal with a non-conducting substance.

Have you tried putting a cheap metal, not too good a conductor, through a very thin tube of calcium, but so the metal would not sublimate when melted?

Yours very truly

Simon Newcomb

Thomas A. Edison.

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Dated Princeton N J 2/29 188 0

Received at 944 5th Ave

To T A Edison

Cannot come. Duties here. Send lamps and I will test for light and current

C. F. Brackett

14 DH
HCB

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

[CHARLES BATCHELOR TO WILLIAM CARMAN]

(Feb 1880)

Write Hunt and Voorhees
Provence men
Palmetto stand New York
and as used for Eating N.C.
Asparagus

Mr. Martin (Feb. 1880)
Pls adress this card &
write to
J. C. Henderson
Supt. Engineer C.R. & N. Co.

send by mail to-night
Tracing of Dynamo mach.
latest title

J. C. H.
K.

Adress
St George Hotel
Philadelphia

Written

[MEMORANDUM BY JULIUS L. HORNIG]

(Feb. 1880)

250 Horse Engine proposed to be used in Electric Light.

1. What is the highest advantageous speed of Engine; that is Number of revol. per min.—
2. What is the diam and face of Bandwheel—supposed 10 ft. diam 30" face.—
3. What is the piston speed.—
4. What is the Steam pressure
5. Will Scale dimensions from Your furnished drawing be approximate correct for general dimensions.—
6. Could a less wide belt and larger diam Bandwheel be adopted, without affecting the construction of engine.

Ok J. P.

264 (Feb. 1880)

Order for chemicals.
for Glassman
for Experiment.

Red Lead. 200 lbs;
Bicarb Soda 100 "
Good Commercial Potash - 100 lbs -
Saltpeter 100 "
Borax 75 "

Send to.
Alphonse Peltier
12 Yates Place
Brooklyn
E.D.

Order in Order

w/ Hoboken Mar 2d 80

A W Mayer
Noanus

Stevens Institute of Technology,

HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY.

March 2. 1880.

Dear Sir

Mr Edison,

One of my students Mr Howell, who visits Menlo Park, informed me that you had expressed some surprise at my having one of your electric-lamps in my possession, as only a few had left your hands which were in good order you found that the one in my keeping might be imperfect.

I had no idea that the lamps were not in the hands of many persons, otherwise I should have applied directly to you.

I obtained mine from the Scientific American office one day

about three weeks since, and I then asked for it merely because it was convenient for me then to get it without going to Menlo Park.

I have been making many experiments on the lamp chiefly in the direction of measuring the resistance of the carbon horseshoe when cold compared to that when hot, and have obtained many interesting results.

If you have no objection I should be very happy to have the loan of a few of your lamps to extend my work in the direction of ascertaining the amount of light given by definite amounts of electro motive force.

Yours very truly

Alfred M. Mayer

OFFICE OF
GEORGE A. KENYON & CO.
WHOLESALE MANUFACTURERS

Mch 3/80

Binghamton N.Y. Mch 2 1880

Thos A. Edison:—

Dear Sir:—

I am about to build a brick house — have confidence that the Electric light in some form, will prove a success. How can or should I pipe for gas, and at the same time prepare for the introduction of the Electric light when same is perfected?

Could a wire be run through the gas pipe, & if so what kind & size?

Pardon my intrusion on your time, which is valuable, I am aware, but I always try to pro=

our information from headquarters.

Sincerely hoping that you may succeed in your endeavor to give the world a better light than it has ever had, & cheap enough to come within reach of the masses, I am

Yours respectfully

Geo. A. Hunt

Run 2 No 17 copper wire double covered ~~through~~ all pipes except ~~these~~ chandeliers — wire can be obt'd from Eugene Phillips Prov R.I.

File

Philadelphia Pa
March 3rd 1880 -

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir -

Referring to paper for carbonizing -

J B Crane Dalton Mass; is Mfgr of bond and silk fiber papers - Dexter Sons Windsor Locks Conn; of black hemp manilla - These papers tear one way easier than the other - If such paper - unsized - was so doubled as to cross the fibrous structure of the paper and was then adhered together by a sizing of common glue boiled in serum of milk (whey) or skimmed milk - which would reduce to fine grained carbon, it might prove durable whey added to glue changes it as sizing -

Unsized paper simply immersed in solution of sulp acid - is suddenly changed in its fibrous structure (See Wells Chemistry for formula of solutions) - and would theoretically - seem to be improper for carbonizing

Will confer with my brother at Holyoke in matter -

I want you to make your light permanent if not already so -

If your light aint new these college snides cant duplicate it - Eh?

I can see invention in it and you have simplified, improved it so as to place it in the hands of the public a result which involves invention of the most marked character

Yours &c C E Bull

OFFICE OF

The Singer Manufacturing Company,

No. 34 Union Square

New York, Mch 5th 1880

Mr Thos A Edison

Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

Some time since at your request we sent one of Machines to your address for experimenting; in order to keep record of same it was charged to you, and in closing our books we find the a/c still open, please advise us if you wish to retain the Mach' & oblige

Yours truly

The Singer Mfg Co

per L Vardenburgh.

Better change this to profit & loss as we have all regard for use when our line of leaves off.

Drexel, Morgan & Co.

P.O. Box 3036.

New York Mch. 15th 1880

Friend Edison,

For your own private information I enclose a letter from Mr. Wilber to which I beg to call your careful consideration — As you will probably have shortly some fresh negotiations with the Western U. T. Co. I suggest that you take that opportunity to make it part of your bargain that the W. U. grant you an exclusive license under the Page patent (which they own) for the purpose of your Electric Light —

I think you can get it yourself without effort or pay & strongly recommend your doing so as soon as the chance offers.

Faithfully Yours

J. P. Morgan

This is of course strictly confidential & you must deal with Mr. Green as if the demand originated entirely with you —

T. A. Edison Esq

Menlo Park

March 16 92

Mr S. G. Hinckley
New York

My dear

Is it a fact that Sells Bros. have arranged with you for the use of your agent with their circus?

Please let us know at your convenience

Yours truly
P. T. Barnum

OFFICE OF

EDWIN M. FOX,

Attorney and Counselor at Law,

No. [redacted] 1240 Broadway

[redacted] Room 24

New York, March 17 1880

My dear Edison:

I write. Go out to Menlo tomorrow or the next day and settle up that matter of Ore Milling.

By the way when is the Rowland Committee going to have their report on the light. Don't fail to let me know as I want to publish it i.e. if its favorable –

Truly

Edwin M. Fox

Mr Watts

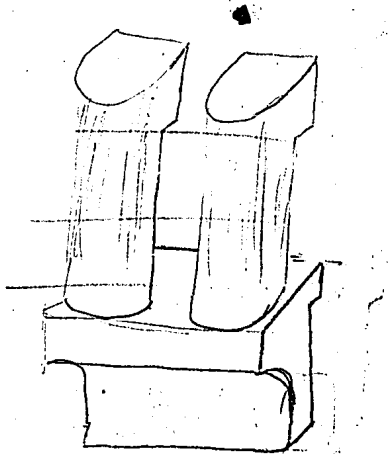
Please w to A. J. Butler
New Brunswick

We find that the glass blocks cannot work to exact sizes therefore please to turn 50 of the lamp posts 3 1/4 inch Diameter

A Watts 18/3/80

~~Watts & Campbell~~

~~Please 12 more of these~~



New Brunswick.
Mar. 18/80

Dear Sir

We ship part of the lamp post tonight.

Yours Respt.
A. J. Butler

P.S. Your card is at hand - we have 50 done - the remaining 50 we will turn 3 1/4 as per order on card -
Your. AJB

H.W.B.

A J Butler Mar 18 80

G. 9.

# PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD CO.'S TELEGRAPH.

Received, Office, Operator, o'clk. M. 3/20 1880

From Philada For T Edison

Report from Rowland good will give you a proof next week do you want any extra copies — if it presented would it not be better for me to come over on monday afternoon and get the lamps I run the risk of having them broken by Express

Barker

Boy Barker
Wanamaker Phila Pa
400 more copies
you had better come over

J. C. Henderson Esq.
C. R. & N. Co.
20 Nassau St Room 24
N.Y.

Will I have to furnish the sockets & I understand that Mr. Cary was to have them made after the sample which I had made for him & sent to him the day after he was here. Please answer as soon as possible.

Shall do all I can to have things ready for you at the time mentioned it will be somewhat doubtful about my having a great number of Lamps T. A. E.

OK Feb 20 1885

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Prof. Barker
University of Penna.
Phila

I send you today per express 2 cases containing 2 Chandeliers & 1 Studamt lamp for electric Lights

OK Feb 20 1885 T. A. E.

T. A. E.
of interest to you
G

Rochester N.Y.
Mar 22nd 1880

Thos. A Edison Esq
Dear Sir:

While I was down last week I was urgently requested to communicate with you, & therefore I do so, hoping it will satisfy you as well as them.

Some time ago when it became of public interest, your invention of the electric light—as you now have it, I made the remark in company that, the electric light in Vacuo was over 50 years old, I said this with no intent to prejudice anyone, but I have been appealed to for proof of what I said, I mentioned all this to parties who evidently you have entertained & they asked my friendness to just lay before you; what is referred to I have in an old English publication, & as I feel sure there is not such another in this country. I will copy for you (if you say so), so that you can see at once if it has any bearing on your interests.

As I am an inventor myself & much interested in Patents I only do to others as I feel wish others would do so to me.

Yours respectfully
James Naylor Jr.

P.S. I have positively refused to allow the book out of my possession, but for you will copy it & send you.

Please send copy — Grove, Davy & others produced the Edison Vacuo many years ago but perhaps your [illegible] has some thing different

T A Edison 3/22/80

MPR

will you please give
me address of
Swayer the Electric
light man and
Greene
Sent my
Hat

Dont know exact address
perhaps in some saloon in
Walker St

EK

FRANCIS S. KINNEY, Pres't

KINNEY TOBACCO COMPANY,
SUCCESSOR TO
KINNEY BROTHERS,
515 to 525 West 22d St.

HENRY A. CUPPIA, Sec'y & Treas'r.

Ans'd Mar 27 — asks him to come N.Y.

New York March 24th 1880.

Prof. T. A. Edison
Menlo Park, N.J.

Dear Sir, -

I was sorry not to meet Mr Bachelor today and explain a few matters about the press he looked at when here, - and think perhaps it would be better for me to see him before you purchase. It would be interesting to me and afford me great pleasure to visit your laboratory, if agreeable to you, and I would then be able to answer all questions which Mr Bachelor might wish to ask.

The principal point is, - how long would you want to keep up a very great pressure. If you decided, say, to keep up a pressure of 100 tons for 10 or 12 hours, it might be well to modify this press in some particulars.

FRANCIS S. KINNEY, Pres.t

KINNEY TOBACCO COMPANY,
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HENRY A. CUPPIA, Sec.y & Treas.r

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New York, 188

If however you only wished to prove for a short time it might answer your purpose as well as it is. The price in its present shape would be $550#, but I think we would have to allow 25 or 50= more to put the pump in perfect order. We cannot quite tell exactly what it would be until it is thoroughly overhauled. It would not exceed $50= and would probably be about $25.=

As I have already said, if agreeable to you, I would run out any day & meet you, and talk the matter over. I would then be very happy to give you any information I can regarding hydraulic accumulators.

I would not recommend the pump for anything more than an experimental one, as it would probably not wear well in continual service. It would answer very well for experimenting. Yours Respectfully

Francis S. Kinney

FRANCIS S. KINNEY, Pres't.
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HENRY A. GOPPA Sec'y & Treas.

Will write Kinney
and tell him we
shall be very happy
to see him any time
he likes to come over

Beth

Mar 26, 98
105

Penna Depot West Phila 26

T A Edison

If convenient will indicate
Engine Saturday Sunday
and Monday Can I get
lodging. Is there an indicator
Barker with me answer

W D Marks.

21 pass
Hol

(Electric Light Tests) 1 (1880)

Report of Experiments made and results obtained by Professor Brackett and Professor Young in their investigation of the electric lamp at Menlo Park, Friday, March 19, 1880

Constants and Fundamental Equations.

One Horse Power equals 33000 ft. lbs per min.

One Foot-Pound equals $1.356 \times 10^7$ ergs

E. M. F. of a Daniell's cell is taken to be 1.079 volts.

of 20 cells is $20 \times 1.079 = 21.58$, log. 1.33405

$$W = Elt = E^2R^{-1}t = C^2Rt$$

Unit of E in Volts $= 10^8$ C. G. S. units

" " C in Webers $= 10^{-1}$ do

" " R in Ohms $= 10^9$ do

W in one minute $= C^2R\,60$ in ergs

$= \frac{C^2R\,60}{1.356 \times 10^7} = \frac{60 \times 10^7}{1.356 \times 10^7}$ in ft. lbs per min.

$= 44.25-$ log. 1.64589

$\frac{44.25}{33000}$ is the constant for reducing energy, obtained from the above formulae to Horse Power.

(Log 7.12738)

1. Determination of the work expended in driving the Dynamo-machine.

Data.-

Diameter of driving pulley 38 in.

Revolutions per minute 188

Difference of tension between driving and following branches of belt, as indicated by Dynamometer 98.8 lb.

Angle between branches of Dynamometer belt assumed 36°

$$H.P. = \frac{98.8 \times 188 \times 38 \times \pi}{12 \times 33000} \sec 18°$$

Of this 5.88 HP a small amount was expended on the friction of the dynamometer pulley and considerable more upon that of a countershaft between the dynamometer and machine.
The precise amount of this expenditure we have no data for computing with accuracy but judge that it may fairly be estimated as about 6 percent. It is so big as the work expended in driving the armature of the machine 5.54 H.P.

Computation

| | |
|---|---|
| 98.8 | 1.99476 |
| 188 | 2.27416 |
| 38 | 1.57978 |
| $\pi$ | 0.49715 |
| Sec 18° | 0.02179 |
| 33000 a.c. | 5.48149 |
| 12 a.c. | 8.92082 |
| 5.878 H.P. | 0.76995 |

There was expended in driving the machine 5.878 Horse Power.
5.878

2. Determination of the work expended in maintaining the field of force.
Data -
20 Daniell's cells gave a deflection of 340 divisions with High Resistance Galvanometer.
Terminals of the coils which maintained the field of force gave a deflection of 166 Div.
Resistance of coil on magnet was 1.43 Ohm

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{166}{340} \times 20 \times 1.079$$

Computation

| | |
|---|---|
| 166 | 2.22011 |
| 21.58 | 1.33405 |
| 340 a.c. | 7.46852 |
| $\mathcal{E}$ = 10.536 volts | 1.02268 |

| | |
|---|---|
| $\mathcal{E}^2$ | 2.04536 |
| R a.c. | 9.84466 |
| H.P.C. | 7.12738 |
| H.P. = 0.104 Expended in maintaining field of force | 9.01740 |

Assuming that the feeding machine had the same efficiency as the distributing machine viz. about 88 %, the power expended to produce an efficiency of .104 H.P. will be $.104 \times \frac{5}{4} =$ 0.13 H.P. This added to the 5.878 H.P. expended in driving the distributing machine gives 5.64 as the total Horse Power expended in driving the work done by the distributing machine.
~~6.008~~ Horse Power Expended.
5.72

3. Determination of the efficiency of the distributing machine.

Data: High resistance Galvanometer was readjusted so that 20 Daniell's cells gave a double deviation of 131 divisions ~~with the High Res. Gal.~~

Terminals of the machine gave a double deviation of 622 divisions.

Resistance of circuit external to armature (adjusted to be nearly equal to that which it was assumed will be realized in practice for 60 lamps)

measured at beginning of experiment 2.690 ohms.

measured at end of experiment 3.05 ohms.

The change was caused by the rise of temperature during the experiment.

Mean resistance assumed 2.95 ohms.

Size of electrodes 28 c.m × 39 c.m.

*Gain of negative electrode 3,358 gm. Cu.

Duration of experiment 5 minutes.

Resistance of armature 0.14 ohm.

Factors.

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{622}{131} \times 21.58$$

Computation

| | |
|---|---|
| 622 | 2.79379 |
| 21.58 | 1.33405 |
| 131 a.c | 7.88273 |
| $\mathcal{E}$ = 102.36 volts | 2.01057 |

$$C = \frac{W \text{ in mg.}}{.326 \times t \text{ in sec}} = \qquad \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R} = C_2$$

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W | 3358 mg | 3.52604 | $\mathcal{E}$ 102.36 | | 2.01057 |
| | .326 a.c. | 0.48678 | R a.c. | | 9.53018 |
| t | 300 a.c. | 7.52291 | $C_2$ = 34.934 Webers | | 1.54075 |
| $C_1$ = 34.335 Webers | | 1.53573 | | | |

Horse Power = $C^2R$ × H.P. Constant

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| $C^2$ | 3.07146 | $C^2$ | 3.08150 |
| R | 0.46982 | R | 0.46982 |
| H.P.c. | 7.12738 | H.P.c. | 7.12738 |
| $H.P._1$ = 4.663, | 0.66866 | $H.P._2$ = 4.772 | 0.67870 |

Mean value H.P. = 4.717 Efficient in distributing machine.

*Note. Loss of ~~Negative~~ positive Electrode was 5.3[illegible] grammes

## Ratio of Energy utilized to that expended.

| First Determination | | Second Determination | |
|---|---|---|---|
| H.P. 4.663 | Log 0.66866 | H.P.$_2$ 4.772 | 0.67870 |
| 5.720 | 0.75739 | 5.720 | 0.75739 |
| | 9.91127 | | 9.92131 |
| Efficiency (1) 0.815 | | (2) 0.834 | |

Mean 82 per cent.

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## Ratio of Energy developed as current to energy expended.

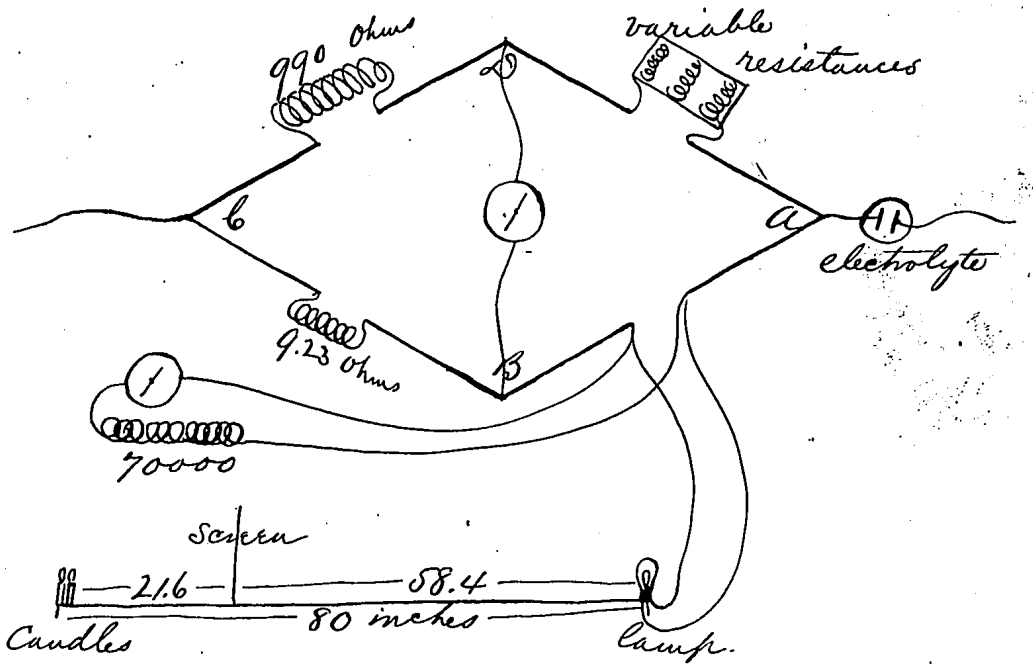
A portion of the electrical energy developed is uselessly expended in the armature of the machine, and is not included in the above computation. To find the total energy (including this useless portion) we must add the resistance of the armature to that of the external circuit — we then get $R = 3.10$ ohms, $C_1$ & $C_2$ remaining as before

| (1) | | (2) | |
|---|---|---|---|
| $C_1^2$ ~~3.071446~~ | 3.07146 | $C_2^2$ | 3.08150 |
| R ~~0.49136~~ | 0.49136 | R | 0.49136 |
| & H.P.$_1$ ~~7.12738~~ | 7.12738 | | 7.12738 |
| | 0.69020 | | 0.70024 |
| H.P. 4.901 | | H.P.$_2$ 5.015 | |
| 5.720 - 0.75739 | | | 0.75739 |
| | 9.93281 | | 9.94285 |
| | .857 | | .877 |

Mean .867

That is to say, of the energy expended in driving the machine 86.7 per cent appears from our experiment to be accounted for as electrical work, while 82 per cent is available for use.

Arrangement of the Electrical and Photometric test of lamp (No. 853.)




Data.

Resistance in branch DC 990 ohms
in branch BC 9.23 ohms.
in High Res. Gal used for determining the E.M.F. about 70000 ohms.
in branch AD - 10681 - a mean value. During the experiment this measured resistance, M, varied from 10670 to 10700. A change of one ohm was easily perceptible.
20 Daniell's Cells gave a double deflection of 130 divisions with High Res Gal.
The terminals of the lamp wire gave a double deflection varying during the experiment from 459 to 466 - Mean 461.
Gain of negative electrode 449.5 mg. Cu.
Duration of experiment 30 min.
Length of scale of photometer 80 inches
Mean position of index from lamp when broadside on 58.4 in. when edge on 49.16 in
The lamp was compared with two standard candles.

4. Determination of work expended in lamp.

Resistance of lamp $= 10681 \times \frac{9.23}{990} \times \frac{701}{700}$ (nearly enough)

| | |
|---|---|
| 10681 | 4.02861 |
| 9.23 | 0.96520 |
| 990 a.c. | 7.00436 |
| $\frac{701}{700}$ | 0.00062 |
| $R = 99.722$ ohms. | 1.99879 |

$E = \frac{461}{130} \times 21.58$

| | |
|---|---|
| 461 | 2.66370 |
| 130 a.c. | 7.88606 |
| 21.58 | 1.33405 |
| $E = 76.526$ volts | 1.88381 |

$C = \frac{w}{.326t} = \frac{449.5}{.326 \times 1800}$

| | |
|---|---|
| 449.5 | 2.65273 |
| .326 a.c. | 0.48678 |
| 1800 a.c. | 6.74473 |
| $C = 0.766$ ohms | 9.88424 |

This current obtained from the observation of the amount of copper deposited is the Total Current.

The Current in branch ADC : Current in ~~lamp~~ branch ABC :: $(9.23 + \frac{200}{701}(99.722))$ : 11671 :: (with sufficient approximation)

Current through lamp = Total Current $\times \frac{11671}{11780} \times \frac{700}{701}$

| | |
|---|---|
| Total C | 9.88424 |
| 11671 | 4.06711 |
| 11780 a.c. | 5.92885 |
| $\frac{700}{701}$ | 9.99938 |
| C in lamp $= 0.7578$ ohms. | 9.87958 |

Current through lamp computed from the E.M.F. and R. $C = \frac{E}{R}$

| | |
|---|---|
| E | 1.88381 |
| R a.c. | 8.00121 |
| $C = .7674$ ohms | 88502 |

In another experiment, rejected on account of a possible error in weighing an electrode, the results obtained for C, from the E.M.F. and R agreed very closely with those ~~obtained~~ given.

Horse Power = $C^2R$ × Horse Power Constant.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C = .7578 Webers | | C = .7674 Webers | |
| $C^2$ | 9.75916 | $C^2$ | 9.77004 |
| R | 1.99879 | R | 1.99879 |
| H.P. con. | 7.12738 | H.P.c. | 7.12738 |
| H.P. = .07679 | 8.88533 | H.P. = .07874 | 8.89621 |

mean value H.P. = .0777 expended in a single lamp.

Number of lamps of similar construction which could be run by the machine.

4.717 Effective H.P ÷ .0777 H.P. = 60.7

| | |
|---|---|
| 4.717 | 0.67367 |
| 0.0777 | 8.89042 |
| No of lamps 60.7 | 1.78325 |

| | |
|---|---|
| 0 — | 0. |
| 0.0777 | 8.89042 |
| No of lamps per effective H.P. 12.87 | 1.10958 |

5. Photometric test.

When the lamp was broadside on the candle power was given by

$$\frac{(58.4)^2 \times 2}{(21.6)^2}$$

| | |
|---|---|
| 58.4 | 1.7664 |
| 21.6 | 1.3345 |
| squaring | .4319 |
| | .8638 |
| 2 | .3010 |
| Candles 14.6 | 1.1648 |

When the lamp was Edgeon the candle power was given by

$$\frac{(49.16)^2 \times 2}{(30.84)^2}$$

| | |
|---|---|
| 49.16 | 1.69164 |
| 30.84 | 1.48916 |
| | .20248 |
| Squaring | .40496 |
| 2 | .30103 |
| Candles 5.08. | .70599 |

Recapitulation of Results

| | |
|---|---|
| Total H. P. expended | ~~6.008~~ 5.720 |
| H. P. available for illumination | 4.717 |
| H. P. expended in each lamp | 0.0777 |
| Total number of similar lamps which the machine as then operated could run | 60.7 |
| Candle Power - lamp "broadside on" | 14.6 |
| lamp "Edge on" | 5.08 |

Total electrical work developed by machine 86.7 % of work expended

Utilizable Electrical work 82 % —

C. F. Brackett
C. W. Young

Princeton March 27. 1880

May 30

C. F. Brackett.

Princeton N. J.

Your report received very much pleased. Letter tonight wanting you, Friday.

Sent T. A. Edison.

E B Klopsy

61 Broadway

NY

Nov 30

any day in the week

T A E

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., Mar 30 1880.

Proff Geo F Barker
C/o Henry W Draper
New York City

When will you be
ready to test—

T A Edison
per R

Sent

WILLIAM D. MARKS,
WHITNEY PROFESSOR OF DYNAMICAL ENGINEERING,
University of Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, Mar 30 1880

My dear sir

My understanding with Prof Barker was that the experiments on your light was to be continued whether or not Revenue came. it seems that I misunderstood him or that Prof B. forgot.

I think that Benson & Col Armington Eng Bklyn Gas Co will reach you in a day or two. – I told Benson what I had learned during my previous visit to your place & told him also that I believed you would certainly succeed in producing 10 lights of 16 candles (i.e. = 80 cft per hr of gas) per HP.

You will find Col Armington a thorough gentleman & most as good a fellow as Benson. both of them have thorough confidence in your honesty of purpose and only wish to know the exact truth.

I have said to Prof Barker that I shall be pleased to go on with the work whenever he feels sure that he can do so without fail.

I believe I stated in your presence that I do not care to undertake work without some return to my self and

that I do not care to trifle
my time away. - My return
in the present instance was
to have been (not professional
or scientific fees) but merely
the right to use all the knowl-
edge gained for self and friends.

As you know, I do not
wish to be misunderstood, there-
fore state my position frankly.
I know that you desire the
widest publicity and ought
to desire even more the ac-
curate information of those
engaged in the lighting busi-
ness. Yours

Very truly Yours
Wm I Marks

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park

Phila Mch 30 1880
Wm I Marks
Norfolk

Toronto Mar 30. '80
A W Dingman
a age 22

3000 candle Light
Work of velocity
wire 30 1/3 ohm
Belly on it in zoni
at Niagara distance
2000 candles

Toronto Mch 30th/80

Mr Thos A Edison
Menlo Park N J.

Dear Sir

Knowing your willingness to extend any courtesy in your power to those interested in the cause of Science I take the liberty to beg of you the following information
Can an electric current carried 3000 feet by a 1/4 inch copper wire have sufficient force at that distance from the generator to produce anything like the same degree of heat in an apparatus which it would at a distance of 300 or 600 feet?
Which would be the better for heating alone a direct current or an alternating current machine? Would a Generator

of 3000. candle power (nominal) revolved at about 1500 per minute produce sufficient electric force at the distance mentioned to induce an intense heat at all? If you will favor me with a reply shall esteem it an honor for which I shall be truly grateful. trusting at the same time you will not consider me as bothering you with needless questions. Being unable to procure American stamps here enclose the price of one

I have the honor to remain
Very Respectfully Yours
A W Dingman

A W Dingman
Toronto
Ontario
Dom. of Canada.

OFFICE OF
The Singer Manufacturing Company.
No. 34 Union Square.
New York March 31st 1880

Mr T. A. Edison
Menlo Park NJ

Dear Sir

Your favor of 29th inst received relative to Sewing Machine loaned by us sometime since; as we understand that you wish to retain the Mach', would say that, you might send an Electric Pen in exchange for same, as we could make good use of it.

Yours truly
The Singer Mfg. Co
per J. C. Vandenburgh

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Mt. 31 March 80

Singer Mfg Co

wrote the President April 1st 1880

T. A. EDISON,

File

Menlo Park, N. J., March 31 1880.

Stephen D Field Esq
NY

Dear Sir

Can you inform me what kind of a Dynamo the North Bloomfield Mining Co use? I have been asked a number of times in regard to it — an early ans will oblige

Very truly
T. A. Edison
Co

My dear Edison:

They are using a pint light Brush Machine — Its not quite large enough for their work and they contemplate a larger one —

Truly yrs S. D. Field

(Mar 31)

W & C Heinsheimer Philadelphia Pa
St George Hotel

GW Tabor of
Williams Page and Co
was here today and is
making lamps for Columbia
with attachment for "the
Light" to prevent out of work when not using
~~it has a socket~~
We had a talk with him
and suggested for his lamps
his ~~fitting~~ making it so that
we could conceal the wire
from view – Did you intend us
to furnish any of our lamps to sockets
~~these lamps~~
~~to sockets~~ to suit these lamps?
If so please write us

immediately as we also shall make them ~~particularly for~~ a little different a shape to ~~suit the arrangement~~ ~~the~~ ~~made them more ornamental~~ suit their fixture — I had an idea that you wanted them all in wooden bases but can make a number of this ~~these~~ — just as easy. Shall we, and how many?

Edison
per Batchelor

O/B Mch 31 —

Mar. 1880

Pat Clarke
Gas Works
Rahway
N J

Can you come down to night — and make tests we have apparatus already.

T A Edison

A. Lindsay Pay 3 33
Lindsay Neg.

John C. Henderson Esq
St George Hotel Phila

Dear Sir

~~[illegible]~~

Pls let me know
how you have arranged
with Cornitz & Co
now the Drawings shall
we have to make
machines right & left as
all alike? We are finishing
two now

Respectfully yours
[illegible]

OK. Apr 1

Mr Abott
Please to
Chas Kunkle Esq
272 Mulberry St
Newark N.J.

Do you know of a good Jeweller who is competent of doing some fine work in Platina which is somewhat like instrument work if so please let me know & oblige

Yours Truly
J. Krucci

Abt apr 2

Put in a stamp for the answer
K

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Mr Carman
Please to H. Seymour
~~to supply~~ Dodge our
Dynamo parts as soon
as possible

Yours
K.

OK
Am 6
R.C.

HENSEL, BRUCKMANN & LORBACHER,
Forwarding & Commission Merchants
AND
CUSTOM HOUSE BROKERS,
No. 19 William Street.

Hensel Bruckmann & Lorbacher
Agents

New York, April 6th 1880.

Can't what the lamps
Mons. T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir,

We received your favor of the 12th inst. wherein you inform us that there must be a mistake about the promise of the gift of one of your electric lamps to our Mr. Hensel while calling at your laboratory on the 27th of February 1880, & it strikes us also that there must have been, but as an old correspondent & friend of ours Mess.rs Elkan & Co. in Hamburg have urgently requested of us to send them one of the above mentioned lamps, & as we would be very glad to be able to comply with this request, we take the liberty to again apply to you hoping that you will have the kindness to send us one of the lamps, we of course paying all

expense. —

If this should not be convenient we will gladly send one of our young men to call for it at Menlo Park.

Hoping to receive a favorable reply from you we remain

Dear Sir

Yours very respectfully

Henrel Bruchmann & Horbach

~~[illegible]~~

Mr Tabor
Care of Williams, Page, & Co.
24 Beach Street
Boston.

Dear Sir
You said you would send us 'ring' for lamp sockets. We should like to have it as soon as possible

LAC
per C.B.

OK

1880 - E.L. - Tests

Jos Medill. Esq

I send you tests made by Prof B.T.R. with the tests now being made best scientific men - your correspondent named Hall of N.Y. Tribune ~~was of that class of ability that he could not get a [illegible]~~ Came here stood about 20 minutes and then wrote his long ~~[illegible]~~ article, from inferences based on ignorance + misunderstanding - It is true

~~that~~ 2 January 1st we put up about 80 lamps the first made, to ascertain the life of the lamps they have all gone out their average life was 792 hours the shortest 26 hours the longest 1388 hours, a very satisfactory result for a 1st experiment I have never concealed this fact when a lamp burned I let it remain where people could see it, my Laboratory is open free to sneaks ignorammus detectives & gentlemen

~~and~~ I could have easily have made new lamps and replaced those destroyed ~~and this obtain~~ ~~private whereas by without~~ ~~Exhibition~~ experiment ~~I am tied about by~~ ~~every scribbler who comes along~~ had I wished to deceive the public –

The first hand was that subdivision was impossible – I subdivided it, now nothing is said about this impossibility. The next hand is that although I can subdivide it it is not economical – Now Baker & Rowland has shown that I can obtain ~~13 gas jets~~ Eight Lights Equal to the best gas jets obtain 13 (16) of ordinary gas jets) ~~for~~ horse power in Electricity which all cases about 10 net – Baker using 20 cubic feet of gas in a gas engine obtained ~~8 gas jets with~~ 4 ~~by light~~ lights one hour whereas on burning the gas direct he only got 4 lights one hour after all these scientific tests are made they will probably acknowledge the cheapness of our gas, but they will say

that the lamps wont last
or that I cannot make
them cheaply enough.
~~In fact I am sorely puzzled~~
~~to understand the motives~~
~~of those attacks,~~
~~but I am going to do all~~
~~I said I would and~~
~~more too,~~

Letter TAE
to Jos Medill Apr 8 50
Chicago

Apr 9 . 80
(See other side)

Phila 9

Mr Batchelor

Is there a Siemens or any clockwork lamps to be had in the market answer Collect will write tonight

J. C. Henderson

20 paid

Batch send ans to Depot
I'm off for NY
G

J C Henderson
St George Hotel
Philadelphia

I dont think there is
I know of none

Batchelor

9 Collect

Gold & Stock Telegraph Company,

P.O. Box 4195.

Western Union Building,

Norvin Green, President
George Walker, Vice Pres't
Geo. B. Prescott
Howard P. Butler, Secretary

New York, Apl 9 1880

T A Edison Esq
Dear Sir

If convenient would like to bring a friend of mine Capt Frank Barr to see you tomorrow P.M. leaving here at 3 P.M.

He wishes to consult you as to the availability of your light — or rather its durability if used to light a floating buoy — He does not need more than from 5 to 10 Candle power — & can get 3 Horse power to drive the Magneto.

If not convenient to see him tomorrow please say when & oblige

Yours truly, F A Ludwig Jun

346 East 15th Street
April 10th 1880

T A Edison Esq

Dear Sir

Will you be at home on Wednesday next, and if so will it be convenient to admit an artist from Harper Bros – One who will not interrupt or trouble you for more than a minute or two.

Yours Obedly
F Bellew

Come any time, we have no lights this week are getting ready for big test

New Haven Conn. Apr 12 80

Dynamo is satisfactory

Thomas A Edison
Menlo Park. N.J.

Dear Sir

I take the liberty to write to you for the purpose of calling your attention to an improved Dynamometer invented by a friend of mine in this city. I believe he has embodied the correct principle for the most perfect and convenient device for the purpose. It indicates the power being absorbed or used, upon a dial like a steam gauge - the pointer constantly varying as more or less power is used - it being very sensitive and accurate. I judge it would be very desirable in connection with your Electric light generators. If you have not a satisfactory Dynamometer of your own it might be worth investigating to you.

Yours very truly
A.W. Johnson

Box 437
New Haven -
Conn -

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CABLE ADDRESS KINNEY NEW YORK

HENRY A. CUPPIA, Sec.y & Treas.r

New York April 2d 1880

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park, N. J.

Dear Sir,-

In answer to your favor of 31st inst, I beg to inform you that I left Menlo Park under the impression that you would send here one of your men to examine the different parts of the Dynamo, Accumulator, Engine, etc, so you would have no difficulty in distinguishing them and putting same together again when received,- with the view of saving the expense of a mechanic from here.

If you wish the Accumulator sent to you, accompanied by an expert, I will ship, sending you a man at your expense. - Please advise

Yours Respectfully
Francis S. Kinney
Treasurer.

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HENRY A. CUPPIA, Sec'y & Treas'r

CABLE ADDRESS KINNEY NEW YORK

New York April 14th 1880.

Prof. T. A. Edison

Menlo Park, N. J.

Dear Sir,

We beg to advise that we have this day shipped you by Penna R.R. the Accumulator, Pump, Pipes & connections.

Upon their arrival be good enough to telegraph us and we will send the mechanic at once to put up the Accumulator.

Yours Respectfully
Francis S. Kinney
pr. H.A. Cuppia

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., April 15th 1880.

To C. J. Henderson
St George Hotel Philadelphia
Pa.

Will have two machines and twenty lamps ready for shipment Monday as before. Send directions by Telegraph.

T. A. Edison
per K.

CK

R.

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# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

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Dated Chester Pa April 16 188 0

Received at 10.50 am. Hoaf

To T A Edison Menlo Park NJ

We leave tomorrow morning can the apparatus be on ~~the board~~ by that time

J B Henderson

is paid

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

this msg was rec'd about 5 mins. after yours was sent off

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Dated New York Apl 16 188 0

Received at

To T A Edison
Menlo park

Has the apparatus for the Columbia gone to Chester the ship leaves Chester tomorrow answer

W H Starbuck
New York -

is paid

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

We cannot ship to reach Chester in time but can have everything at New York Monday & they can be placed in several hours, Edison

Collect

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NY 16

April 16. 1880
1 P.M.

T. A. Edison.

Send them to Morgan Iron Works foot ninth St East River so that they will be there on monday without fail

~~Answer~~

W. H. Starbuck

2.7 paid

Ts answered

W Chester Pa 16 Apl 16 80
2:07

T A Edison

"S.S Columbia"

Mrs Cad M Morgan
Iron Works Ninth St
East River NY

J C Henderson

Hard
Hole

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., April 16 1880.

J. C. Henderson
Engineer Steamer Columbia
Chester
Pa.

The Express Co would not take machine where will you have them in New York

T. A. Edison

(Apr. 17, 1880)

Expense of trip to Newark to consult Mr. Porter in regard to his engines and certain problems in steam engineering.

| | |
|---|---|
| Fare to Newark 2 days | $1.50 |
| Dinner 2 days | $2.20 |
| Car Fare | $0.48 |
| | $4.18 |

C. L. Clark

April 17

Francis Bailey

NY

Underhill

T A Edison

(refer to pioneer)

Apl 24 80

E Fabri

23 Mace St

My Exhibition opening on as
usual but will
have been postponed
higher tuesday

JC

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# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Newyork April 1 1880

Received at

To Thos A Edison
Menlo Park

Invitations for yourself and friends were forwarded this morning. They were carelessly laid aside by one boy.

Wm H Starbuck

18 paid
7.45

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# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

No 1

Dated N.Y. 9/26 1880

Received at Hoaf 10.51 AM

To T A Edison

I am right have
sent the invitation
as requested

W. H. H. Starbuck

Paid

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Weather Bureau
N.Y. Herald
April 26 1880

Thos A Edison Esq.
D. Sir:

If it would not be too much trouble Mr Conroy would feel obliged to you if you had a small lamp made for him. The batteries used in the School are not sufficient to light the one you gave me. Please send in the report of Prof's Brackett & Young so that it may be published on Wednesday.

Respectfully

Bernard N. Collins

N.B. If possible send ticket for the S.S. Columbia exhibition. I dont know where to apply for one.

B.N.C.

Ticket sent by messenger on 1/31 Friday S.L.F.

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# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



1 87 Pm

Dated New York april 27 1880

Received at

To T A Edison

Every body satisfied with lamps all going nicely

Griffin

7 paid

Ho: f

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W Troy Apl 28 80
Geo Clark
Edison
perfectly
satisfied
with
Apl 30 80

West Troy N.Y. April 28th 1880

Mr. Thos A. Edison

Dear Sir

I wrote you sometime since that I had invented a vacuum pump that would produce an Incandescent Vacuum

I have since perfected and built a small pump (an inch and a half Stroke)

With this pump I am exhausting all the atmosphere from a full glass air chamber which contains about nine cubic inches of air, in three minutes. Running the pump by hand. My pump is of a very peculiar construction

Having only two valves and those on the outside of the cylinder I use mercury in the cylinder. If you feel interested in seeing the pump produce a perfect vacuum in three minutes in a bell glass of the dimensions I mention, we will be glad to make an appointment with you.

Yours Respect
Geo. Clark
Care of Joe Hletcher

[From the American Journal of Science, Vol. XIX, April, 1880.]

# ON THE EFFICIENCY OF EDISON'S ELECTRIC LIGHT.

By Professor H. A. Rowland of the Johns Hopkins University,

and Professor George F. Barker of the University of Pennsylvania.

The great interest which is now being felt throughout the civilized world in the success of the various attempts to light houses by electricity, together with the contradictory statements made with respect to Mr. Edison's method, have induced us to attempt a brief examination of the efficiency of his light. We deemed this the more important because most of the information on the subject has not been given to the public in a trustworthy form. We have endeavored to make a brief but conclusive test of the efficiency of the light, that is, the amount of light which could be obtained from one horse power of work given out by the steam engine. For if the light be economical, the minor points, such as making the carbon strips last, can undoubtedly be put into practical shape.

Three methods of testing the efficiency presented themselves to us. The first was by means of measuring the horse power required to drive the machine, together with the number of lights which it would give. But the dynamometer was not in very good working order, and it was difficult to determine the number of lights and their photometric power, as they were scattered throughout a long distance, and so this method was abandoned. Another method was by measuring the resistance of, and amount of current passing through a single lamp. But the instruments available for this purpose were very rough, and so this method was abandoned for the third one. This

method consisted in putting the lamp under water and observing the total amount of heat generated in the water per minute. For this purpose, a calorimeter, holding about 1¼ kil. of water, was made out of very thin copper: the lamp was held firmly in the center, so that a stirrer could work around it. The temperature was noted on a delicate Baudin thermometer graduated to 0°·1 C.

As the experiment was only meant to give a rough idea of the efficiency within two or three per cent, no correction was made for radiation, but the error was avoided as much as possible by having the mean temperature of the calorimeter as near that of the air as possible, and the rise of temperature small. The error would then be much less than one per cent. A small portion of the light escaped through the apertures in the cover, but the amount of energy must have been very minute.

In order to obtain the amount of light and eliminate all changes of the engine and machine, two lamps of nearly equal power were generally used, one being in the calorimeter while the other was being measured. They were then reversed and the mean of the results taken. The apparatus for measuring the light was one of the ordinary Bunsen instruments used for determining gas-lights, with a single candle at ten inches distance. The candles used were the ordinary standards burning 120 grains per hour. They were weighed before and after each experiment, but as the amount burned did not vary more than one p. c. from 120 grains per hour, no correction was made.

As the strips of carbonized paper were flat, very much more light was given out in a direction perpendicular to the surface than in the plane of the edge. Two observations were taken of the photometric power, one in a direction perpendicular to the paper, and the other in the direction of the edge, and we are required to obtain the average light from these. If L is the photometric power perpendicular to the paper, and $l$ that of the edge, then the average $\lambda$ will evidently be very nearly

$$\lambda = L\int_{\frac{1}{2}\pi}^{0} \cos\alpha \sin\alpha \, d\alpha + l\int_{\frac{1}{2}\pi}^{0} \sin^2\alpha \, d\alpha$$

$$\lambda = \tfrac{1}{2}L + \frac{\pi}{4}l$$

In the paper lamps we found $l = \frac{1}{3}L$ nearly; hence $\lambda = \frac{5}{6}L$ nearly.

The lamps used were as follows:

| No. | Kind of carbon. | Size of carbon. | Approximate resistance when cold. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 580 | paper | large | 147 ohms. |
| 201 | " | " | 147 " |
| 850 | " | small | 170 " |
| 809 | " | " | 154 " |
| 817 | fiber | large | 87 " |



The capacity of the calorimeter was obtained by adding to the capacity of the water, the copper of the calorimeter and the glass of the lamp and thermometer. The calorimeter and cover weighed 0·103 kil. and the lamps about 0·035 kil.

First experiment, No. 201 in calorimeter and No. 580 in photometer; capacity of calorimeter $=1{\cdot}153+{\cdot}009+{\cdot}007=1{\cdot}169$ kil. The temperature rose from 18°·28 C. to 23°·11 C. in five minutes, or 1°·75 F. in one minute. Taking the mechanical equivalent as 775', which is about right for the degrees of this thermometer, this corresponds to an expenditure of 3486 foot pounds per minute. The photometric power of No. 580 was 17·5 candles maximum, or 13·1 mean, $\lambda$.

When the lamps were reversed, the result was 3540 foot pounds for No. 580, and a power of 13·5 or 10·1 candles mean.

The mean of these two gives, therefore, a power of 3513 foot pounds per minute for 11·6 candles, or 109·0 candles to the horse power.

To test the change of efficiency when the temperature varied, we tried another experiment with the same pair of lamps, and also used some others where the radiating area was smaller, and, consequently, the temperature had to be higher to give out an equal light.

We combine the results in the following table, having calculated the number of candles per indicated horse power by taking 70 per cent of the calculated value, thus allowing about 30 per cent for the friction of the engine, and the loss of energy in the magneto-electric machine, heating of wires, etc. As Mr. Edison's machine is undoubtedly one of the most efficient now made, it is believed that this estimate will be found practically correct. The experiment on No. 817 was made by observing the photometric power before and after the calorimeter experiment, as two equal lamps could not be found. As the fiber was round, it gave a nearly equal light in all directions as was found by experiment.

| Lamps used in | | Photometric power | | Capacity of Calorimeter in pounds. | Rise of temperature in degrees F. | Energy per minute in foot-pounds. | Mean number of candles per horse power of electricity. | Mean number of candles of 16 candle power per horse power of electricity. | Mean number of gas jets per indicated horse power. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Calorimeter | Photometer | measured perpendicular to paper, L. | Average, $\lambda$ | | | | | | |
| 201 | 580 | 17·5 | 13·1 | 2·57 | 1°·75 | 3486· | 109·0 | 6·8 | 4·8 |
| 580 | 201 | 13·5 | 10·1 | 2·82 | 1°·62 | 3540· | | | |
| 580 | 201 | 38·5 | 28·9 | 2·74 | 2°·44 | 5181· | 204·3 | 12·8 | 8·9 |
| 201 | 580 | 44·6 | 33·5 | 2·76 | 2°·29 | 4898· | | | |
| 850 | 809 | 19·0 | 14·3 | 2·81 | 1°·14 | 2483· | 133·4 | 8·3 | 5·8 |
| 809 | 850 | 12·2 | 9·2 | 2·79 | 1°·54 | 3330· | | | |
| 817 | | | 17·2 | 2·73 | 1°·28 | 2708· | 209·6 | 13·1 | 9·2 |

The increased efficiency, with rise of temperature, is clearly shown by the table, and there is no reason, provided the carbons can be made to stand, why the number of candles per horse power might not be greatly increased, seeing that the amount which can be obtained from the arc is from 1000 to 1500 candles per horse power. Provided the lamp can be made either cheap enough or durable enough, there is no reasonable doubt of the practical success of the light, but this point will evidently require much further experiment before the light can be pronounced practicable.

In conclusion, we must thank Mr. Edison for placing his entire establishment at our disposal in order that we might form a just and unbiased estimate of the economy of his light.

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**JOHN-STREET, FOOT OF MORRIS.**

GEORGE BUTTLER, MANAGER.

New-Brunswick, N. J. Apr 1880

Mr T. A. Edison.

Dear Sir

Your card is at hand, and in reply would say that we will furnish you the 200 lamp post at the same figure as the last lot. which was very low indeed.

Hoping to receive your order I remain

Yours Very Truly

A J Buttler

H&S

P.S.

We have quite some of the tubing ready for you which you may call for at your convenience

Yours

(apr. 1880)

Mr. Carman

Please pay J. Bradley
at 3 o'clock

J Sherwin

---

White Bergmann
We shipped the Dynamo
with 19 lbs of No 10
Cotton covered wire at 40c
last night

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To Morgan Iron Works
foot of east 9th street
New York

we have shipped by PRR
freight 2 Dynamo machines
per Steamer Columbia.
look them please to bring them
carefully on board of her
~~at~~ weight of the two 3300 lbs

(apr. 1880)

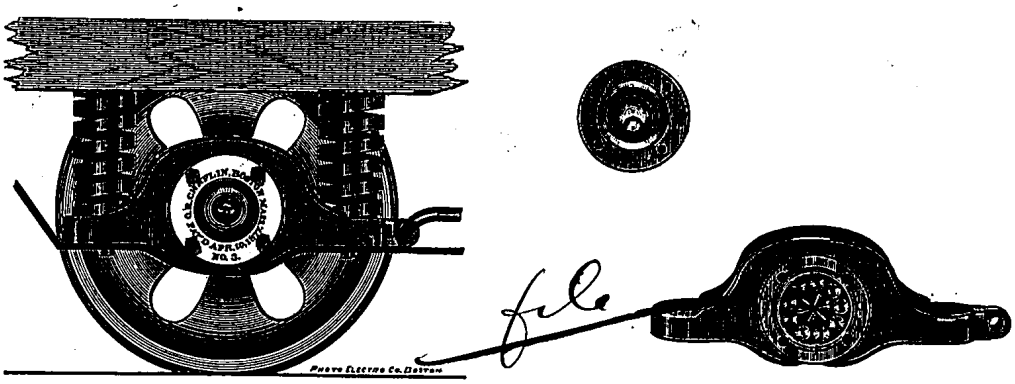
Mr. Carman

Write Seymour & Williams in the most urgent way that we should have our Parts for the Dynamo Mach. right away we are badly delay not having them

T.A.E.
K.

Telegraph him to send all they had finished immediately

T.A.E.
K.

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# Memorandum.

To Mr James M. Seymour
Engineer
Newark N.J.

THE CHAPLIN ANTI-FRICTION CAR BOX CO.,
No. 18 DEY STREET, N. Y.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE, } May 17th 1880.

Dear Sir;

You are authorized to arrange with Mr. Thomas A. Edison for the exclusive use of our Anti-friction bearings on his Dynamo Machines, as you may deem best for the interest of this Company.

Respectfully Yours
The Chaplin Anti-friction Car Box Co
By Wm Henry Langley
Secretary

A. 101

School of Mines, Columbia College,

CORNER 49TH STREET & 4TH AVENUE,

New York, May 8th 1880.

all right - you may keep the Lamps

T. A. Edison, Ph.D.

Dear Sir:

Please inform me when it is most convenient for me to return the Lamps you so kindly provided us with. At the Lecture they behaved very well indeed - & followed all your suggestions as to managing them with a Wallace Machine and with great success. Yesterday somebody tried to experiment with them, turning on too much current and ruining four of them, and I have the mortification of returning borrowed property broken.

Thinking you would be glad to know that they were a success publicly -

I remain, Very Respectfully

C. E. Colby

W/ West Point NY May 10 80
Lt S E Tillman
a May 11

U. S. Military Academy
West Point N.Y.
May 10 1880

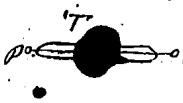
We can make them
~~but~~ how high a vacuum is
required. Will 1 millionth suit.

Prof T.A. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir –

Prof Hendricks directs me to inquire of you whether you make or have made at your laboratory the small vacuum tubes, such as are used in the lecture-room for illustration before classes.

To avoid mistake as to my meaning I roughly represent what I mean




— The tubes are generally from 3 to 6 inches long and ½ to 1 inch in diameter — PP are platinum wires fused into the tubes — The platinum points should be from ⅛ to ⅝ inches apart — The tubes as nearly perfectly vacuous as possible —

Very truly

Yours, &c

S. E. Tillman

Lt. U. S. Army
Instructor at Mil. Academy

West Point N.Y. N.Y. May 10, 80
Lieut S. E. Gillman
a May 17, 80

West Point N.Y.
May 12 1880

Prof T. A. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 11th just received. Prof Hendrick directs me to say that he will be very glad to have you make for him four (4) vacuum tubes, if they are not very expensive. If they

are troublesome to make or expensive three (3) will be sufficient. The length of the tubes may be anywhere between three and six inches — I illustrate a little more plainly than in my last what is desired —



The platinum wires o o' should not connect by from $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ inches. I assume that one millionth will be a sufficiently high vacuum — though I do not know how highly such tubes are exhausted. Prof Klein which requests that the bill be forwarded with the tubes made out against the "Chemical Department — U. S. Military Academy — West Point, N.Y." It will greatly oblige us to have the tubes as soon as possible —

Very Respectfully Yours &c
S. C. Tillman
Lt. U. S. Army.

Give order to Boehm to make
& Hammer to bring to
high vacuum —
Say to Tillman that
We do not manufacture for
sale but will give them to him

Send it on to glass on it
we can get it

University of Penna
Phila. May 21. 1880.

My dear Edison:—

In answer to your letter of yesterday I would say that you can have the use of my Sawyer lamp, of course. But the one I have has no glass as it was broken in coming. If you are not in a great hurry I will get Mr. Wallace to put another glass on next week. The lamp I have is the form Sawyer made a year ago. I judge from the recent cuts in the Scientific American that he has somewhat altered their form lately. How is your lamp getting on? And what new developments are there?

Yours truly
George F. Barker.

We are getting for the new make 1200 lamps per day

PHYSICAL LABORATORY,
State Agricultural College.

J. K. MACOMBER,
Professor of Physics.

No we do not sell them as yet — as soon as our new Lamp factory is furnished

Ames, Iowa, May 26" 1880.

Can supply what Lamps you desire, furnished in 3 months

Mr. T. E. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

Are the Dynamo-Electric machines of your invention in the market, and if so, where can they be obtained?

Would you be willing to to sell me for the purposes of class illustration one or two of your "Horseshoe" Electric lamps "vacuo lamps"? Such an instrument from your laboratory would be highly prized, as a great novelty out here.

Very Respectfully
Yours
J. K. Macomber

E.L. NY May 27 1880
J. J. Green
a May 28

New York 27 May 80

Dear Mr Edison

Mr Edison tells me you have had some difficulty in making the ends of your carbon loops to fit the platinum clamp when using manilla fibre. It has occurred to me that any good sail fitter can plait these fibres into almost any desired shape and I venture to offer you the suggestion notwithstanding the fact that most of my suggestions to you have already been gone over. It is difficult to get ahead of your ingenuity but I give it for what it may be worth.

Sincerely Yours J. J. Green

1 New York May 30/80 509PM

T A Edison
Menlo Park NJ

Columbia arrived Rio yesterday
reports Edison light working
well

Geo A Sayer

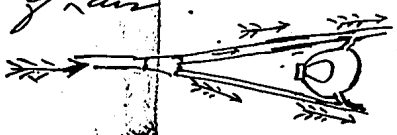
9 paid
sofo

Francis Kinney
New Brighton St.
May 30th. 1880

Mr. Edison

Dear Sir

Since seeing your laboratory I have thought much about "vacuum". A great many ideas of producing high vacuum have occured to me among them the use of very strong current of compressed air.



I suggested this to one of your assistants, but did not impress on him how important I thought two currents would be, as I have acting on

one of your lamps. or how much would depend on the adjustment of the tubes that give the most effective direction to the air currents.

Another idea I represent by a hasty sketch which I enclose - and by which I try to show a method of Refining Mercury under pressure while it rises to force out the air in a cylinder.

Fig. I shows Mercury flowing in to a cylinder and forcing up Piston B. which carries

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Applicant accepts. the piston B the piston rod is brought up to the rod C. and the rod C has been turned down to the B and same mercury are top. tube D closed and H opened allowing Mercury to fill cylinder in lower part of cylinder.

Then we think that may also

[3]

are old or impracticable. Still they may directly or indirectly suggest some thing to your Brain or afford you some amusement

With best wishes I am

Very truly

Francis J. Quinn

[4]

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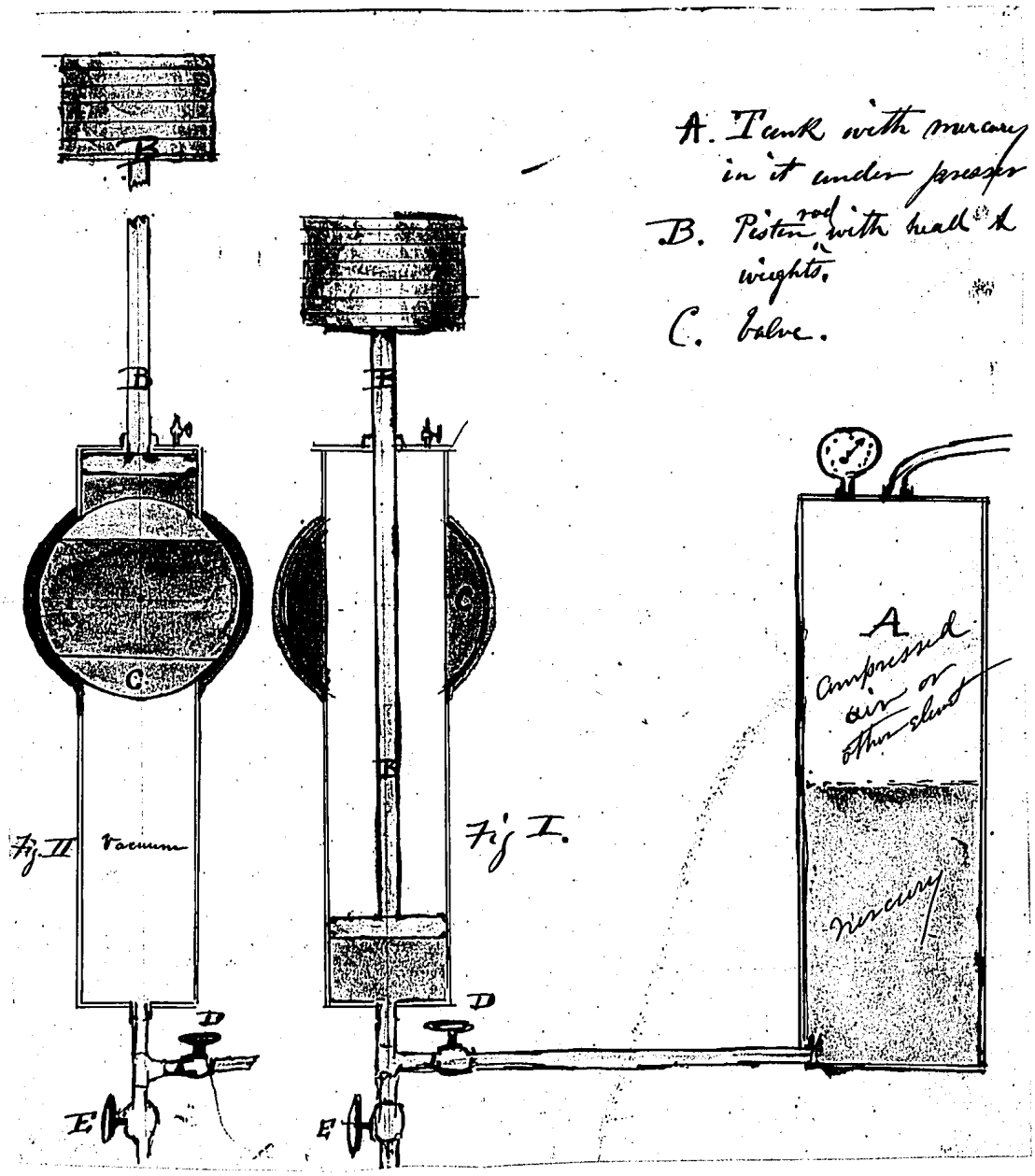

A. Tank with mercury in it under pressure
B. Piston rod with head & weights.
C. Valve.
B
B
C
C
A
Compressed air or other fluid
Mercury
Fig. II
Vacuum
Fig I.
D
D
E
E

You are quite mistaken about the Carbon horseshoe being a failure that was only a newspaper lie

Mahomet Champaign Co Ills

June 2/80

Mr Edison

Dear Sir

I have watched with a great deal of interest your experiments in your electric light, hoping sincerely that you would succeed, I felt much disappointment on hearing that your carbons were a failure, In cut a long story short, I believe that I have got the thing that will perfectly answer the purpose, I think it will stand the test in the open air without a globe, I may be mistaken, of course you are better prepared to give it a perfect trial than I am, the price of the thing will be nominal,

I propose to let you test it to your entire satisfaction, but before doing so, you & your Company must perfectly know me in my rights in writing, an article of agreement agreeing to pay me if my discovery is a success, a value in proportion to the worth of my discovery to your light, said article to be acknowledged before a Notary Public

On receipt of such an article, I will send you my discovery to test it.
My reasons for the foregoing propositions are I do not care to go to the expense of getting a patent, and the thing be a failure, if it is a success I do not propose to be cheated out of it.
If it is a success, I will have it patented in my name, for the benefit of your company, provided my rights are provided for.
On receipt you can use your pleasure I make you the first proposition because I think you deserve to succeed.

Respectfully
yours
Wm Sutton M.D.

Mahomet
Champaign Co
Ills

Mahomet Ill June 20
Wm Sutton
Inv

[FROM JOHN KRUESI]

Ch. Porter

Robert E. concluded that he should make & get the House for our exhibition. He enclose amount from N.Y. on this engine thinking it may be of service to you.

Chas Porter
Southwark Foundry
Philadelphia

6

San Francisco June 14/90

Any power water or steam can be translated into Electricity for miles & reproduced without a greater loss than 45 percent, which we are doing at Niagara Falls, Cal. Yes, I do. 3/4 of a mile 20 horse

It seems that in the present race of scientific progress, the completion of an dynamo electric motor has been accomplished. A stationary electric motor of from 5 to 20 horse power would create considerable revolution and be of great service in regions, where fuel & water is scarce.

You above all other will from your experiments & experience be able to answer these questions. Is it possible to construct electric motive power for less than the steam engine? and how soon could we expect to have these machines introduced? Pardon me if I infringe upon your time, but by answering you would greatly oblige Yours Respectfully

112 Mason street S.F. Dr Hiller M.D.

ISAAC ROSENSTEIN & CO.,

**Manufacturers of Shirts,**

105 FRANKLIN STREET.

There is nothing that is incombustible

New York, June 14/ 1880.

Mr Edison.

Dear Sir

I know of a substance "positively incombustible". It can be worked in threads as fine as a spiders web or in ropes as thick as ships cable, retaining at all times and under all circumstances its natural property of incombustibility.

It can be procured in large quantities and at a nominal price.—

How much will you give me if selling you the substance I've and you find such practical by making your experiments with it, and finally adopt it on your electrical lamps?

Yours respectfully

M L Dufour

P.O. New York.

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., June 15th 1880.

Prof C A Young
Princeton
N. J.

When will you be able to make an examination of the mysterious blue halo in the lamp by the spectroscope

T A Edison

DSH

Sent-

June 15 80
330

Princeton N J 15

T A Edison

I can come down and examine it anytime you like

C A Young

11 DH
H 09

Can you not send
a large lump of
glass so I can draw it
out & make a coil

Warwick, Conn. June 17-80.

To Mr Thomas A. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

I send enclosed
two specimens of glass with iron wire
embedded in their substance.
These specimens contain impurities
from the forge smoke but are other-
wise clear. This glass contracts &
expands in about equal proportions to iron & welds to it

I venture to call your attention
to these specimens as the glass
seems especially suitable for
your electric lamps, as it is ex-
tremely elastic & as it would
allow the use of a much larger
Iron wire in place of Platinum

This glass fuses at about 1840° Fahr.
& blows even more readily than
ordinary glass. These specimens
were cooled very quickly.

I should be pleased to
hear from you if you would
like to test a larger specimen.

I am Yours Resp.
Ernest Greenwood

Mr. Ernest Greenwood
Aug 23, '30
Glass

~~Used~~ our Carbons do not burn they last one year, we do not use the arc system of lighting

New York June 18th 1880

Thos A. Edison, Esqre
Menlo Park

Dear Sir,

The undersigned, chemists by profession, having an idea regarding the electric light, which they think will give the result that since long time you are looking for, to say: it makes the light steady and even without consuming the coals, are ready, if agreable, to communicate it to you under certain conditions, which they will expose you verbally.

Expecting to have the honour of your answer

We remain

Dear Sir

Yours very truly
Louis d'Oliveira
Miguel de la Vega

over

w

NY June 18.
a June 24

Address

Louis d'Oliveira
41 South Washington Square
New-York
(City)

Pennsylvania Rail Road Co.
New York Division.
Office of Superintendent.

James McCrea.
Supt

Jersey City, N.J. June 19th 1880.

Subject: Lighting depot at Menlo Park with electric light.

Thomas A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park, N.J.

Dear Sir:

Noting your favor of 18th inst. I shall be very glad to have you put any number of electric-lights you may desire in and about our Station building at Menlo Park. You have the permission requested to cross our tracks for this purpose, and any assistance that we can render to facilitate the work, I shall be most happy to give.

Yours truly,
James McCrea
Supt

P.S. We'll you'll confer with Mr. Ettenger in reference to any detail-arrangements that may be necessary.

Philadelphia June 19th 1880

T. A. Edison Esq. Menlo Park

Dear Sir

In answer of your favor of the ~~19~~ 28th January I sended that preparation, mentioned in my first letter of the 19th January, per Adams Exp. to your address February 5th, but as I never heard anything about it since, I beg leave to bring that matter to your remembrance, and I pray let me know, whether that package, containing the preparation for glass – to make it unfragile by temporary heat and cold or influence of the weather – came to your hands at all? and whether you experimented with it and with which results. Please let me hear pretty soon about it and ~~oblige very~~ much

Yours well tried & but could see no change in the glass

yours respectfully
A. O. Pauscher
1423 Brown St Philad Pa

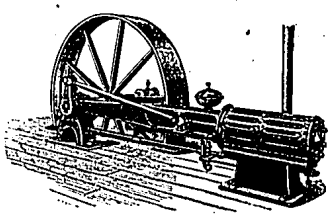
Wesbean. Richmond Co, Geo.
June 24. '81

Mr Edison

I know nothing at all of science but I read of yr experiments with yr fine lamp & I observe that you are testing different substances for burners for yr lamps. The enclosed grows wild here & is known as bear grass. It is a fibrous plant with leaves from 12 to 20 inches long & will support a greater weight than any vegetable substance I have ever seen. Crushed & hackled or prepared like hemp it would make the strongest rope ever known, or would make equal to paper. You might try the portion of leaf I send & try it.

Thank him & say Yrs resp'y
the fibre is splendid T. C. Hackett
but too small for our use

Mr Edison



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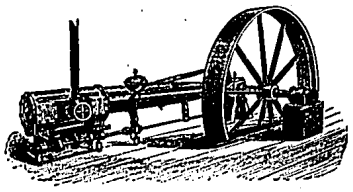
WORKS, MAIN STREET.



Fitchburg, Mass. July 6th 1880.

Professor T. A. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

We noticed in the papers some time since that you were going to place a Porter Allen Engine of smaller size than the one you now have in your works. We thought if the new one is to displace the one purchased of us, possibly it might be for sale. And as we have an inquiry for a second hand engine of that size from parties in the west, have taken the liberty of writing you with reference to the engine, and if for sale the lowest price at which it could be bought and how soon it could be delivered.

Very Truly Yours
C H Brown & Co

Rec'd July 8
See Letter Book
N.C.

Give the crucible to Boehm tell him to draw it out & blow something

Norwich Conn July 13-80

Mr T. A. Edison

Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

I send today a crucible containing some of the glass you wished to test. It shrunk in making far beyond my expectations but there are four ounces & one half which I should think would be enough for one lamp. If there is not enough for an experiment please let me know & I will try & do better. I make an insulated wire coil for a very slight advance on the price of the naked wire. If you wish I will send a specimen.

I remain Yours Resp^y
Ernest Greenwood.

Adam Esq^r Merrick & Co
Ernest Greenwood
Issue

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# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. 3 NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Montreal 14 188

Received at Menlo Park July 14

To Mr Edison

Menlo Park

Will you send me at once by Express twelve of your incandescent lamps domestic size C.O.D. answer

Robert Kane

17 Paid AC/Ke 1120 am

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Answer on back

Sent - to Co

Have none to
spare yet –

THE EDISON ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.,
3 BROAD STREET.

NORVIN GREEN, Pres.
R. M. GALLAWAY, V. Pres.
R. P. FABBRI, Treas.
C. GODDARD, Sec'y.

New York, July 15 1880

T. A. Edison Esq
My dear Sir:

This will introduce Mr John S. Shapter Chief Engineer of the Steamboat Service of the New Jersey Central R.R. Co who has called on us to enquire about placing the electric light on the Company's boats - I have given him such information as I could and at his request give him this note that he may call upon you relative to such details as I am unable to furnish him.

Yours truly
C. Goddard

~~20 Nassau Street,~~
Jobbe Ferry,
~~New York,~~ July 22, 1880

Dear Mr. Edison,

Thanks for your fine invitation of day before yesterday, which I will endeavour to accept some time next week.

You will no doubt be pleased to learn that I had telegraphic reports from Rio Janeiro as well as Valparaiso & Portland, Oregon, to the effect that the electric light worked very well.

Faithfully yours
A. Villard
per G.S.

James Loffel & Co.
Springfield
Ohio

Please let me know whether you have an Agent or Representative in Colorado & if so, ~~would~~ ~~give us~~ I am prepared to ~~to~~ report on the availability of water power in the neighborhood of Denver & to make estimates of cost ~~[illegible]~~ probable expense
and what would be the ~~Ex~~ expense
T. A. E.

C.N.
R. Julyn

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E. L. Co.
J. S. Chapter Letter to July 26, 80
See letter book

[A VARIANT VERSION OF THIS DOCUMENT FOLLOWS]

(July 26, 1880) Keep Copy

Dear Sir

It is very difficult in the present state of the Experiment to give the Costs of apparatus but I can probably give you an estimate that will approach closely

Cost of plant for one Gas light with capacity & Equipments for 75 Lights.

| | |
|---|---|
| Engine & Electric Machine, complete | 1800 |
| 100 Lamps (25 Extra) | 60 |
| Sockets, | 75 |
| Wires to all parts of Gas | 200 |
| Labor running wires, setting Engine | 50 |
| | $ 2185 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total plant | 2185 | |
| Depreciation, Eng. etc, 4pc | | 72 |
| Depreciation Lamps | | 80 |
| Interest at 8pc say | | 170 |
| | | 322 |

If Running 6 hours daily 60 Lights, 10 Horsepower Requires, 35 lbs coal per hour or 210 lbs coal for Six hours, or 300 days in the year requires, 28 tons at 4.20 per ton $117.60 The oil waste may be estimated at $8 per year making $125.60 as actual Cost.

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|---|---|
| Hence: Depreciation Interest Etc: | 322 |
| Power | 125.60 |
| Total Cost per year | $ 447.60 |

[A VARIANT VERSION OF THIS DOCUMENT FOLLOWS]

In Comparison with gas.
Each burner will burn 5 feet per hour
That is for 60 burners 300 feet for 6 hours
1800 feet for 300 days 540000 feet,

This at $405,00.

Hence cost by Electric lighting $447,60
" " Gas Lighting 405,00
In favor of gas. 42,60

But if the Gas fixtures were added, the lamps & other appliances, upon the boat, the breakage of globes, substitution of new burners at the jets etc, This gain would disappear,

The advantages of the E Light are that it is absolutely steady
2nd That nothing can be set on fire by it,
3rd That wind cannot effect it.
4. That it gives no trouble,
5. That it gives a pure monochromic light without gases of any kind,
6 That it makes no innovation but imitates exactly the gas jet
In Respect to the Large lights of several hundred Candle power, They are expensive, require a man to attend them, are unsuitable, and as the carbon is consumed they disintegrate & throw off that carbon particles around so that pans are necessary to prevent the places where they are used from being set on fire.

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[A VARIANT VERSION OF THIS DOCUMENT FOLLOWS]

In these estimates I have not allowed anything for Royalty to the Co. but this will be reasonable & will not very materially effect the price, I do not think it will bring the price of the light equal to that given by 1000 feet of gas about $1. dollar per thousand which may be considered reasonable when if City gas were used on the terms $2. per 1000 would have to be paid,

[VARIANT VERSION]

Menlo Park N.J. July 26. 80

J. D. Shapter Esq
New York

Dear Sir:

It is very difficult in the present state of the experiment to give the cost of apparatus but I can probably give you an estimate that will approach closely;

Cost in plant for one boat with capacity and equipments for 75 lights;

| | |
|---|---|
| Engine & Electric machine complete. taking steam from your boiler | $1800 |
| 100 Lamps (Sockets 25 extra) 35 | 60 |
| Sockets | 75 |
| Wires to all parts of boat | 200 |
| Labor running wires, setting Engine | 50 |
| | $2185 |

Total plant $2185

| | |
|---|---|
| Depreciation Engine etc 4 % | 72 |
| " Lamps | 80 yearly, each lamp lasts 6 months nett. |
| Int at 8% plant say | 132 |
| | $284 |

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If running ~~six~~ hours daily 60 lights 10 horse power requires 35 lbs coal per hour or 280 lbs coal for ~~six~~ hours or 365 days in the year requires

[VARIANT VERSION]



~~65~~ $45\frac{1}{2}$ tons at ~~$2.00~~ $2.00 (as I understand you use per ton of coal) per ton ~~$91.00~~ $91. The oil and waste may be estimated at $8 per year, making ~~$99.00~~ 99 as annual cost, hence;

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Depreciation, interest etc | ~~304~~ | 152 95 |
| Power | ~~199.60~~ | 56 |
| Total cost per year | $403.60 | 208 95 |
| | | 80 |
| | | $289 95 |

In comparison with gas; figures a light equal to the Electric light. Each burner ~~must~~ burn 5 feet per hour - that is for 60 burners ~~300~~ feet for 10 hours, ~~3000~~ feet for ~~365~~ days 876000 feet. This at ~~75 cents~~ per thousand amounts to $657. Interest & depreciation 16000 at 7 $112. Leakage 15 p.c. 131000 feet at 75 c per m $98

| | |
|---|---|
| Hence cost by Electric lighting | ~~$403.60~~ |
| " " Gas " | ~~$857.00~~ |
| In favor of ~~Electric~~ Electric Light | ~~$464.00~~ |
| | 464 00 |

~~But if the gas fixtures were added, the tanks at $16000 and other apparatus, upon the boat, breakage of globes, substitution of new burners at the jets etc, this gain would disappear.~~

1 - The advantages of the E. Light are that it is absolutely steady.
2 - That nothing can be set on fire by it.
3 - That it is not affected by wind.
4 - That it gives no trouble.
5 - That it gives a pure monochromic light.
6 - That it makes no incrustation but imitates exactly one gas jet.
7 - Insurance saved 25 per cent on gross amount
8 - This light will burn under water

[VARIANT VERSION]



In respect to the large lights of several hundred candle power, they are expensive, require a man to attend them, are unsuitable, and as the carbon is consumed they disintrigate and throw white hot carbon particles around so that pans are necessary to prevent the places where they are used from being set on fire.

In these estimates I have not allowed anything for progalty to the Edison E. L. Co but this will be reasonable and will not very materially affect the price. I do not think it will bring the price of the light equal to that given by 1000 feet of gas above $1. per thousand which may be considered reasonable when if City Gas were used on the ferries $2 per 1000 would have to be paid. perhaps $150. per year royalty would be required by our Co this added to the cost would still leave a saving of $314. yearly as the saving effected by the Electric Light to say nothing of the beaming in manner & the advantages over gas,

Very truly
T. A. Edison

When of Wheeler of Lamp

I propose to use the same gas fixtures that is now on each boat with some globes if necessary the cost of tubes valves & cocks pipes and other fixtures put up in boat for gas will be $600 for each boat

Express paid

HENRY ~~W. PEABODY~~ & CO.

AUSTRALIA PACKET LINE.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

H. W. PEABODY.
H. F. BARGENT.
C. D. HARRY.

No. 114 STATE STREET,

Boston, July 26 1880

Mr T. A. Edison
Menlo Park
N. J.

Dear Sir

We find that the sample noted as enclosed in our letter of Saturday was not had from our safe by the clerk and we enclose herewith thinking to have it safely to hand

We are
Very Truly
Henry W Peabody & Co

Grof what did I say to him = quick to Dr H = Molybdenum is of no use in Electric Light

[ATTACHMENT]

Express – prepaid.

HENRY W. PEABODY & CO.

144 State Street

Boston, July 24 1880

Prof T. A. Edison
Menlo Park
N.J.

Dear Sir

We have your favor of 23d in reply to our letter to you, and in accordance with your offer to test and report upon the metal believed by our friends to supply the want for the electric light, I send you with this by express prepaid, the small sample sent us, called "Molybdenum".

Awaiting your report

We are
Respy Yours
Henry W Peabody & Co

Sample

Promised to send them if possible. Have not been able to do so, as they have not been completed. Prof. Edison is unfortunate to make his promises good. I will have a force of men at work on them and hope to make the manager of the factory understand that we can do no more than we have done.

Oregon Railway and Navigation Company.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,

20 Nassau Street,

New York, July 26 1880.

Prof T. A. Edison

Menlo Park.

Dear Sir,

Please inform me whether you have shipped overland the additional Electric lights for the Steam Ship "Columbia", which you promised Mr Henderson, you would send, so that they would be there upon the arrival of the Steamer at Portland. If you have not done so please do so at once and furnish stronger glasses.

Yours Respectfully

W H Starbuck

We have just received telegrams from Capt Bolles & Mr Henderson saying there are no lights there and the Ship is not half supplied.

BABCOCK & WILCOX,
PATENT
WATER TUBE STEAM BOILERS.
NO. 30 CORTLANDT ST.
NEW YORK.

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July 28/80

Thomas A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

We find, upon inquiry of the sugar refiners, that pea and dust from the mines is worth only $1.50, as it contains an uncertain per centage of slate. But what is known as harbor screenings, which is the fine coal that collects at tide water and is free from slate, is worth $2.38 per ton delivered on dock here. This is said to be of equal value with lump coal costing $4.10 on dock

Yours Truly
Babcock & Wilcox

E. L. Co.

N.Y. Aug 3d 1880
Thos B Connery
Aug 4, 1880

Thomas Connery
Perth Amboy.
It can be applied with great success.
Shall I take the order. It will take
six or seven weeks,
T A Edison

The Herald.

New York, Aug 3 1880

Dear Mr Edison

Mr Bennett would like to know if your electric light could be applied successfully for the illumination of his new steam yacht Polynia. If yes, what would be the entire cost of the thing? I wish you would figure it out fully and write me at your earliest con-

venience. I have ordered sent to you a copy of Harpers Weekly containing a description of the yacht, which may be necessary for your purpose.

Please telegraph me on receipt of this a line saying you have received this letter. Telegraph me to Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Perhaps I will drop in on you to-morrow morning.

Yours faithfully
Cornelius Vanderbilt

P.S. Yes I am on Commodore

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Aug 4. 80

Thos Connery
Perth Amboy
NJ

It can be applied
with great success
shall I take the order.
It will take six or
seven weeks

Edison

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# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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This message is an **UNREPEATED MESSAGE** and is delivered by request of the sender, under the conditions named above.

A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Central Depot Aug. 5th 188 a
Pitts Amboy N.J.

Received at Menlo Park

To Thomas A. Edison

Can't answer till I know the cost — Telegraph me to Herald Office today.

Connery

13 paid

Dec. 2.15

2.15 Am

No 1

T. B. Connery Herald Office. NY

I suppose he would like seventy five lights this requires small engine and magneto machine combined, cannot give exact estimate as Engine builder has not sent price Engine but think it would not exceed twenty six hundred dollars, without he wants it extraordinarily fancy —

Edison

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

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Mr T A Edison

Aug 5 - 80
10 20.

Have communicated your answer to Mr Bennett and will notify you promptly of his decision

Corning

15 Paid
mmly

Corning Glassworks
Corning N.Y.

How soon will our glass house need it very bad

T. A. Edison

Written
Aug 10th 1880

N.Y. Aug. 11th 1880.

Dear Sir Griffin,

The Glass samples which you sent me for tests are not good for any practical purpose at all. That glass is too soft, it seems to contain too much soda, ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ naught when hot and impure when blown or drawn out. Box contains samples. The handle of the little bulb is lead glass.

Ludwig H. Böhm.

File

Centerville York Co. Penn.
Aug. 12th 1880.

Mr T. A. Edison
Menlo Park —

Dear Sir: Referring to Sawyers
application upon mine who
are unable to define
technical terms in Head
of Cabinet.
There is a long list
which includes Franklin
Cuthbertson, Gabriel, Henry
Page, Morse and Lilly
Tommie — who was a
carpenter and A. Graham Bell
to whom the world owes
more than it probably
ever will by Sawyer.
It seems to me that an
advantage obtains in the
working of 2 Electric motors
not under the advantage
gained in operating
several lines from one
source of supply —
Mueller dead further de-
-monstrated that a
limit of twenty three miles
could be worked from
one source of supply. And
when twenty two were "opened"
the remaining one showed
an increase of back 1/10
If several motors can be
operated from a source of
supply which is but slightly
more than enough for one
motors will be worked as
indiscriminately as Sound
increase.
I have several claims
pending for such use of

Louisville Ky June 13 80

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Eldridge Bitters - using
over & emporium and Church
Thirst Nail and other
agents to Each
system which is now
upon disposal
if you should find
them use for them
in making up an
assortment —

Yours very truly
Charles E. Russell

Address for Sundays
Louisville
Jeffco
Ky —

glass

Ernest Greenwood

Norwich Ct Aug 19-80

Mr T. A. Edisson
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 13th, stating the failure of my glass to seal, & your test is sad I am sorry that you had the trouble.

I send a specimen of iron wire, sealed into a common glass tube; & also iron & steel wires prepared for sealing into common glass. The steel wire is prepared, with some of the same glass I sent you.

I have in this way sealed four wires into the bottom of a common test tube & had no trouble as long as I kept the

wire in the centre of the hole in the bulb. The hole in the glass should, of course, be somewhat larger than the wire, to admit of enough elastic material to take up the difference in expansion. If properly annealed this joint will not crack in reheating. The glass you have been testing will work equally well with iron & steel, in this process.

Thanking you for your kindness, I remain

Yours Respy.

Ernest Greenwood

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# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



Dated Aug 21st 1880

Received at

To W. H. Merrick
430 Washington Ave
Philadelphia

We cannot possibly get along with less than three and one-half inches of space between the field and intermediate pillow block

T. A. Edison

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

GEORGE A. KENT & CO.

WHOLESALE MANUFACTURERS

Aug 25th 1880

Thos A Edison

Dear Sir:- Could not the wire for electric light be run through a house in building along the gas pipe & so down to chandelier, & operate as well as though running through the pipe? We find it somewhat difficult to run it through the pipe - & would No. 17 wire be the best size to use?

Respectfully yours
Geo A. Kent

I regret to bother you but as you are headquarters pardon me, & draw for a cigar at eight - K

PHYSICAL LABORATORY,
State Agricultural College.

J. E. MACOMBER,
Professor of Physics.

Ames, Iowa, August 28 1880.

Mr. T. E. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

I had the honor of receiving a letter from you in June last in which you intimate that in about two months you will be able to furnish your "carbon horseshoe" lamps to those wanting them;
Enclosed find an order for one half doz of the lamps which I hope you will fill as soon as they can be supplied,

Very Respectfully
J. E. Macomber

Ames Iowa Aug 25-80
J. K. McConahay
order was sent to
C. Gaddard

Chas. T. Porter (Aug. 1880)
Southwark foundry
Philadelphia

We have sent the Pattern for ~~the~~ the Dynamo electric Machine for which you are building the Steam Engine ~~to-night~~ ~~tonight~~ by express. Please have it cast in your foundry & planed to measurement as per enclosed sketch. Blue lines indicate where the surfaces to be planed.
The hole and the two surfaces marked a & b should be particular good & in general we hope the castings will be fair parts to your Engineer. It is desirable that the iron is as soft as can be used to make a good casting.

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Babcock & Wilcox
30 Cortlandt street N.Y.

We are now making up our approximate Estimates for Central Station
We forgot the Price you gave us, &c
Please give us your lowest Estimate on (1200) Twelve hundred horse power, Boilers with and without Economisers based upon your plans of /

April 8th 1880

T.A.S.

(Aug. 1880)

Williams, Page & Co.

DEALERS IN

RAILROAD SUPPLIES

MANUFACTURERS OF

Railway & Steamship Lamps,

Burners, Trimmings, & Fine Brass Goods.

24 & 26 BEACH STREET,

Boston Sept 1st 1880

T. A. Edison

Dear Sir

Yours of the 31st ult. to hand. I shall be in New York next week, or the week following at the latest, and shall at that time call out to Menlo Park to see, and shall take pleasure in talking with you concerning the getting up of fixtures of the E. Lamp System. I remain

Yours

H. A. Potter

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., Sept 7 1880.

Monticello
Florida

Sent samples canes and so forth ~~to~~ any address me here
J R S

J R Segredor
Monticello.

Can you go from Cedar Keys to Cuba after you are through in florida

T A Edison

Sent Sept 8 1880

Monticello Fla 8 Sept 8.80
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T A Edison

Yes will write today
full details information
received

John R Degraw

Collect

~~T. A. EDISON,~~

~~Menlo Park, N. J.,~~ ~~1880.~~

Sherwood's Hotel
Monticello Fla. Sept 8/80

Dear Sir. I arrived here last Saturday from Jacksonville. I was unable to do anything until Monday evening. The sun was so hot I could get no one to act as guide for me. Through the day I went into a swamp myself without a guide & it was as much as I could do to get out again. I got off the train at the Cane I got on Monday eve. is marked No 34 & comes from a place known as Bird's Plantation about 4 miles east from town.
Yesterday I ~~went~~ hired two niggers to act as guides & went to Simons Plantation (marked 35) which is west. The place where you leave the main road is known as the 2 mile branch & there you have to

go across the country for about
1/3 miles. I tore my pants &
clothes all to pieces. Rubbers You have
to pass through several swamps
or branches of the same one
to get where the large cane
grows. What renders this
job extremely interesting is
the strong probability of getting
bitten by ~~an~~ a snake. There
are 4 poisonous varieties here
I saw a cow which had just
been bitten by a rattlesnake
She was all swollen up
twice her usual size
I came near getting caught by
one coming back from
Simon's Plantation. In both
coming & going every step
we took we had to beat
the long grass etc in front
with sticks. every step we took
to clear out the snakes
& walked in the middle of my
going & last coming back
the two darkies shouted
& jumped & I jumped
too! & after some hussing one
disappeared in the long grass
before we recovered from our panic

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T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., 1880.

The greatest difficulty I have is to find reliable information on which to act. The one person contradicts the other. I was told by the captain of a small boat that runs to the interior of the state down south that there was no cane there. But in some places there was quite a quantity of what is known as bamboo reed. This is extremely thin & brittle & not of a fibrous nature. This is known in different parts of the state as "maiden cane" & ~~Arrow~~ "Arrow cane" I have been to two swamps where this cane grows. but it is no good. I find out there is a kind of reed grows (3)

nearly similar in appearance to the cane you want, but the majority of it is often mistaken by unskilled parties for the cane proper. & both often grow within a few yards of one another. The dense thick kind called switch cane grows on the dryest or upland ground or on the borders of the swamp or river. while the red variety grows in swamp proper. This cane proper can be made denser by cutting or pruning off the tops & thinning out the surrounding cane, so as to let the sun get at it etc.
An extremely important part is the season at which it is cut. When the sap has all dried out. Then it is the same as wood ~~properly~~ cut at the proper [4]

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., 1880.

season & won't shrink or warp. It may be apparently all right. But if not cut ~~right~~ at the right season it will be full of minute cracks invisible to the eye. At one time there was a business done in this state of thousands of dollars. Made by felling & selling cane for sleighs. But this went out of fashion with the introduction of steel runners etc. I was too late to catch the mail last night, But I got what may prove valuable information namely that there was an immense bamboo or cane grows down the state somewhere between Tampa & Key West. The man that I got the information of says the (5)

bone was so large that he saw it used by the fishermen for bait boxes also to carry water. The man who confirmed this information said he had seen it. but he did not know where it grew. He was nearly certain it was some of the islands around Key West. I am going to hunt for it after I leave the northern part of the state I am from here-after to-morrow - to Chaires ~~+~~ where I have been ~~told~~ in Jacksonville that there was some came up from there I go to Chattahoochee ~~+ down~~ from there down the Appalachicola River. down it to Rickoes Bluff where I have been told ~~they~~ canes are by the 100,000

T. A. EDISON,
J. Segredor

Sept 25 1880

E. L. J. Segredor
File Tibbs

Menlo Park, N. J., Oct 25 1880.

As I said before the main difficulty is to get reliable information & ~~the~~ to get this has caused me a good deal of running round & some money. I have been to 3 swamps where the cane was only good for pipe stems everything is green yet. & when I went to the 2 mile branch the thermometer stood between 95 & 100. No white man would go out.
Another thing is I have got to hire a guide as soon as I find out a place also a horse & wagon or horses to ride on. It is utter folly for one to attempt to find out a place on foot & alone. These all cost money & to every one white & nigger alike are on the make (?)

in this state. My board alone since I have left has cost at least two dollars a day & in some instances more & I went to the along the railroad cheapest places. Not being a permanent boarder I have to pay the price of transient. So with paying a guide & getting some means of conveyance it costs something. The state is very thinly settled & large portions are not settled at all. You can get any amount of land almost for 18 p.z.s.c. per acre & covered with the finest pine too. But the ground is all sand. From all I can learn there is nothing to be gained by going to the Everglades as every one says there is no sand there. But I will go if you wish & see for myself. It will cost money for transportation etc.

John R. Sepredor

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~~The~~ P.S. The cane in the various places is liable to be destroyed any time by fire. ~~The~~ accidently or premeditated. to clear the ground. or by cattle being turned in in the winter they crush it down & eat the green tender tops. The dry rotten canes burns the other green ones. When it is burning the moisture at the joints is heated & ~~expands~~ bursts the joint with a noise [9]

like a rifle I have been
told it is quite a sight to
see + hear a cane brake
burning. The brake often covers
miles but the large or moderate
sized cane is generally confined
confined to a small area
~~coming from~~ of fires cattle
etc. destroying it ~~first~~ before
it has time to grow

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SHERMAN HOUSE,

G. J. KISSNER, PROPRIETOR.

Fargo, D. T., Sept 10 1880.

Mr Edison

Dear Sir

I enclose you a specimen of Weed I found last spring which will not Burn!

Thinking it might be of some benefit to you in your Experiments is my reason for sending it

Very Res Yours

Geo F. Shorb

address Van-Wert Ohio

(Sept. 15, 1880)

Vulcanized Fibre Co.
Wilmington Del.

Please send 4 Disks of each size instead of two.

I wish to know whether you could without injuring the material dry it & straighten it. I would if it was not for the trouble of the shrinking & warping adapt the Fibre all through my electrical work which will before long be very extensive.

Could you perhaps expose it to heat & then press it & keep on heating & pressing until the warp would be all out of it.

Of course I should be willing to pay extra for that if you think it can be done please do it on the Disks.

Should be glad to hear from you about this Respectfully T. A. E.

~~T. A. EDISON.~~

~~Menlo Park, N. J.~~ 1880.

~~Chatt~~ Appalachicola River
Sept 15/80

Dear Sir. I left Monticello & Drifton very early on last Monday morning & arrived at Chaires early the same morning. After running around some time making inquiries & trying to get a guide & some means of conveyance I had to give up any idea of getting a guide or conveyance as every one here & wherever I have been ~~are~~ is busily employed ~~gathering~~ in the cotton fields or in ginning it & getting it ready for & to the market while fair weather lasts as nothing could induce them to leave it. There has been considerable rain which has done a great deal of damage. ~~It~~ Chaires is the most God forsaken spot I have struck yet. It is marked a town on the map & consists of a few negro huts & ~~another~~ a place a little better

occupied by a white section
master on the R.R. I'm fast
with ~~one~~ ~~or~~ two or three kind of towns
exceptions this is the ~~only~~
all along the road. I tried
to find the cane at Haines
myself without a guide
~~It is near the~~ But I had
to give it up & come back
in a howling rain. It is
near the end of Lake
Lafayette. I was obliged to
content myself with a fish
pole that had been cut there
bought from a negro
I had to beg ~~at the section~~ to
~~master~~ to be taken out
the section masters house I had
a talk with him when he
came home & he will get it
~~if it is~~ the cane if it is
wanted. So far I have
seen no cane that near
equals the cane you are
using in density. All I have
come across ~~seem~~ is full
of pores. I have not seen any
old cane yet & I don't know
how it will be

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., 1880.

The reason why no old cane has been found so far is that the people sets fire to the cane brakes in the winter time in order to kill out the old cane. In a short time shoots of young cane spring up in place of the old and in to which cattle are turned in the winter. The cattle are extremely fond of this young cane & it proves very nourishing & fattening as it is the only green food to be found.
I got pretty reliable information & corroborated that there was plenty of cane down on the Bella River & on the Wacasa River down at & below the Natural Bridge. At the very foot of Jefferson Co. ~~I think~~ there is no means of getting

there as there is no one lives there. I would have to hire a ~~team & take~~ horse & wagon & also a guide & take food etc & a camping out fit with me - rubber boots & blanket or coat. In fact I should have these two now. Any one that ever goes down there goes to camp out & shoot bears & other game when they get to the river if they have a boat they cant use oars as the river is full of saw grass & the only way they can work the boat is by poles. (* some places there is so much ~~grass~~ they cant use poles) I had no authority to go to the expense necessary to go there & it would have left me without any money. So I preferred coming on to here & ~~going down the river~~ where ~~boats~~ where boats go down & up the river once a week.

T. A. EDISON,



Menlo Park, N. J., 1880.

The fact is I would like to finish this job as quick as possible There is no pleasure nor profit about it any more ~~that~~ than I would like very quick to get something suitable for the light — & there is a good deal of hard work. But now that I have undertaken the job I want to carry it through in a satisfactory manner. I have visited a no of swamps of what was commonly said to be cane & they turned out to be only reeds. No one ever uses these cane brakes except someone to cut a fish pole. The reed brake & the cane brake look exactly alike on the outside of the swamp. I can see no difference in the two except that the cane grows larger than the reed

The samples of cane I got from around Brighton were only got from a few patches yet I rode a no of miles in a heavy rain along a belt of swamp ~~yet~~ through a weed that grows here over fifteen feet high. When my guide who was on a mule got a few feet in advance of me I would loose sight of him. This swamp bore the reputate of being a cane brake for miles yet in getting off my horse & forcing my way out to it. It turned out always to be only weed except in the few patches mentioned.

From what I can learn there is any amount of cane on this river. I ~~was~~ am now waiting for the boat to come along. I will have to wait for two more days. I was going to try to go from the mouth of the river to

T. A. EDISON, 4

Menlo Park, N. J., 1880.

bedar Keys. But I find there are no boats run between the two places so I will have to come back the road I came. Please do not fail to write me in full to Address care of the Postmaster Tallahassee. I believe I will need some money too. I have kept a list of the expenses & out of the money I got I have sixty three dollars left. You will please send me full instructions to Tallahassee. In coming here to the northern part of the state I used my judgement & selected out of the information I was able to glean what I considered the most trustworthy information.

John R. Sigredor

Lot no 1 From Jesup Georgia. Got within 2 miles of the Station going east. This lot consists of.

No 1 A sample of ~~one~~ Swamp bank
Swamp about 2 miles from Station
" 2 Sample of ~~Bear~~ Grass
" 3 " " Spear Grass
" 4 " " Green Palmetto
" 5 " " Flow Tree
" 6 " " Cane Roots one with flower
" 7 " " Cane long flat plant nearly like Bear Grass
The Bear grass is the short flat plant with the point at top of leaf
" 8 " " Bear grass out of a Swamp
" 9 " " A Briar or bush out of a Swamp

Collected August 30/80

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Lot No 2. From Ellaville Florida consists of Samples of woods got at a saw mill in the woods near the fork where the Withlacoochee & Suwanee Rivers run into one another

No 10 Sample of Haw wood
" 11 " " Cedar "
" 12 " " Persimmon "
" 13 " " China ~~It can be~~ " splitting
(14) " " Gum wood
(15) Liobarthey " Gum wood
16 " " Coffee weed. Dye is used
~~one of the lot of canes~~

Collected August 31

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Lot No 3 ~~consists~~ From Lake City consists of the butt ends of 3 Cane

onegood lot of ~~canes~~

Lot No 3 ~~consist~~ From Lake City Fla.
consists of the ~~butt~~ ends of 3 Canes
No 17 } Sample of Cane
" 18 } " " "
" 19 } " " "

Lot No 4 From Jacksonville Fla. —
consists of ~~Saw Palmetto fibre~~ leaf made
into a fly brush
No 20 " Palmetto fibre brush
Lot No 5 From Jacksonville Fla. —
consist of
No 21 Sample of the inside of the Banana
tree-broken — also of the Banana
leaf. also of the stem that runs
up & divides the leaf. This makes
3 different samples from the Banana
tree
No 22 sample of Lily that grows in
gardens here.
No 23 " " Sea Oats
No 24 " " Egg Grass grows in Southern Florida
No 25 " " Osceola Plumes
No 26 " " consists of what is
known here as Air Plant. from its
growing anywhere nearly out of contact from
the earth. against the side of a house or tree &c

Expt Recpt 1/5/80 - Collected August 31

Expt 2/8/80

Lot No 6 ~~Consists of~~ From Jacksonville (Sept 14)
Fla - Consists of
No 27 Sample of Orange Tree came in a
" 28 " " Lemon " " " "
" 29 " " Palmetto Stem cut
" 30 " " ~~Raw~~ in 3 pieces
Known as Indian
reeds & are used for fishing
Stems & grows in swamps

Lot No 7 From Jacksonville Fla consists

No 3 Sample of a plant known as
"Black Eyed Susan" It grows
down on the Bahama Coast

Dear Sir. It has been raining heavily
without stop ~~to~~ since I came into the
State It has commenced to clear up
to day. We are leaving the equinoctial
storms here now, but it has commenced
to clear up to-day.
I will leave for Monticello to-night
or to morrow. I hope to get down
Highland Cove there. After I leave
there I will travel a good deal
along the road & then go South
into the portion of the State where
all the fruit etc grows. If you
wish you can address me at
Monticello to the Post office
I will leave directions to have it
forwarded to me if I leave there.
I forwarded you the telegraph report

Seeds & Plants known as Indian
Seeds & are used for Pipes
Stems & grows in swamps

No. 1

Lot No. 1 From Jacksonville Fla. bought

No 3 Sample of a plant known as "Black Eyed Susan" just grows down on the Bahama coast

Dear Sir. It has been raining heavily without stop since I came into the State It has commenced to clear up to day. We are having the equinoctial storms here now, but it has commenced to clear up to day.
I will leave for Monticello to-night or to morrow. I hope to get some Highland curio there. After I leave there I will travel ~~a good~~ [illegible] along the road & then so South into the interior of the State where all the fruit etc grows. If you wish you can address me at Monticello ~~to the Post office~~
I will leave directions to have it forwarded to me if I be anywhere else. With the telegraph operator
~~If you send you 3 lots to-day~~ I will number lots from the last lot. Make you clear cards ~~John R. Segreadon~~ designed them. If you order any use the numbers

John R. Segreadon

(2)

No. 32 Black Jack wood
" 33 Cypress (Sept. 16)
" 34 Vines
" 35 Vines
" 36 Poke Berry Shrub
" 37 Sumach one variety
" 38 Sassafras
" 39 Myrtle
" 40 Haw Shrub
" 41 Red Berry Stem of Bear Grass
" 42 Bamboo Briar
" 43 Sea Island Cotton Shrub
" 44 Jessamine vine
" 45 Sugar Berry Shrub
" 46 Bullis vine
" 47 Lice wood Shrub
" 48 Cane tops Stem & roots etc.
" 49 Arrow wood
" 50 Iron wood
" 51 Sour wood
" 52 Seaside
" 53 Bamboo Briar other variety
" 54 Cedar wood

No. 55 Wild Berry Weed or Buckwheat
" 56 Water Oak
" 57 Black Walnut Bark Roots
" 58 Wild Plum
" 59 Man's Beard or White Ash
" 60 Wild Honey Suckle
" 61 Wah Hoo or Lynn
" 62 White Bay
" 63 Dog Wood
" 64 Mountain Ivory
" 65 Pink Dear Apple or Hinchond
" 66 Poplar
" 67 Prickly Ash
" 68 Burnt wood or Shrub
" 69 Lobsil "
" 70 Osage Orange (from Texas) ~~Lobsil~~
" 71 Oleander Tree
" 72 Pomegranite Tree

John R. Cegrador

(3)

The Cane is from a vineyard belonging to John Lagredor 4½ miles from Ft. Yuma Sept 16 1880

No 73. Lily from the inner part of the bark of the Wah Hoo tree

" 74 Cane from the Cooberry

" 75 Place 2 samples green & dried fruit pole

" 76 Cane from the Lumbale

" 77 Plant different parts of

" 78 Juvenia

Lot 16

No 79 Wild Mulberry

" 80 Red Bud

" 81 Wolch Hazel

" 82 Black Haw

" 83 Sample of Reed

" 84 Red Haw

" 85 Chinaberry

Felix Lagredor

No 86 Ottawaba
" 87 Cross Vine
" 88 Gale Berry

John R. Regredon
Rent

If any of these Canes, Rent
they should be ordered at
once, as they are liable to be
cut down, burned or trampled
down & the tops eaten by
cattle in the winter. The
tops remain green all winter
Cane the size of the butt of
an average fish pole is very
limited in quantity. Only a
few patches or acres so far
as I have seen yet. And I have
walked & rode along miles
of Reed & also young cane that
will trampled down & eaten this
winter. Cane to be any size & quantity
must be at least 2 years old

T. A. EDISON,

~~Menlo Park, N. J.,~~ 1880.

Appalachicola River Florida
Sept. 16/80

Dear Sir I forward you ~~the~~ the two last samples of cane. I am out of postage stamps & had to give a person fifty cents to mail them. I hope he will do so. There is a little island here nearly a mile long that has the best cane & largest quantity I have seen yet. The island is about 3/4 of a mile long & is surrounded by a belt of cane allaround from 20 to 60 feet wide. It is a natural curiosity. It is as well done as if done artifically the cane grows down to the water's edge. The storm caused the river to overflow &

destroyed a very large
quantity of the cane
the man is leaving
& I have to close

John R. Lepedor

No 89. bane from chairs
" 90 canes from plant
" 91 Okra Plant & Pod
" 92 Alligator cedar
what the park was built
will not rot in 50 years
" 93 variety of Bamboo vine
" 94 & " of Lily
" 95 " Bamboo vine No 2
" 96 " " Roots etc

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., 1880.

Lot 19. From the banks of the Apalachicola River

No 97 - Cane from the large tract at mouth of Florida River. Numerous other patches large & small. that I sampled are about the same average size & quality.

No 98. Roots of the "Blue" Palmetto There are 3 varieties of Palmetto Saw. Blue. & Cabbage.

No 99. Gummy Balls

" 100 Roots of the Orange Tree

" 101 Roots of one species of willow

" 102 Creeping Grass

" 103 Stems of Saw Palmetto

" 104 Bark of Hickory Tree young

" 105 Bark & wood of one species of willow.

" 106 Inoccasion Tree

" 107 Swamp Hickory

" 108 Young Cypress

" 109 Cotton Wood Tree

" 110 Seed Bearing Stem of Blue Palmetto

" 111 Birch

No 112 Roots of Red Oak
" 113 Cane Roots
" 114 Magnolia Root
" 115 Part of Blue Palmetto
" 116 French Mulberry
" 117 Inner Part of Bark of the Cypress Tree
118 Roots of Trees. Names unknown
119
120 Have good Volume Samples
121 ~~Know~~ the Spot where I got
122 them
123 Flower Shrub Name unknown
Lot 20 Tallahassee
No 124 White Mulberry Bark & Root
" 125 Century Plant
" 126 Ribbon Cane
" 127 Ribbon Grass
" 128 Spanish Bayonet

My Hotel expenses date from August 27 inclusive to Oct. 4.

| | |
|---|---|
| Hotel expenses 39 days | $78.75 |
| 1 Atlas of Florida | 0.75 |
| 1 Hatchet to cut cane | 0.00 |
| 1 Knife " " | 1.00 |
| Guide at Jessup | 0.50 |
| R.R. Fare from Live Oak to Gillandale + return | 1.20 |
| 4 Canes at Lake City | 1.00 |
| Twine + Paper | 0.35 |
| Musquito brush for Sample | 0.50 |
| Various Grasses + Canes | 2.20 |
| for Samples at Jacksonville | 0.20 |
| " Logs | |
| 2 Fish Rods for Samples | 0.50 |
| Boat over to Cypress Swamps | 1.00 |
| Postage Stamps | 1.15 |
| R.R. Fare Jacksonville to Monticello | 6.75 |
| Hire of horse to Bird Plantation | 1.00 |
| Guide + Conveyance twice to Sample place | 2.00 |
| Stamps | 1.00 |
| | 100.85 |

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|---|---|---|
| Telegrams | 1.00 | |
| Conveyance & guide to 2 mill Branch | 1.50 | |
| Stamps | 1.20 | |
| Places visited | | Guide at |
| Roach Plantation | | |
| Gambles " | 3.75 | |
| Taylors " | | |
| Oakley " | | |
| Turnbull " | | |
| Taylors Plantation another one | 1.00 | |
| 2 R.R. Fares Monticello to Bruflon & return | 0.80 | |
| Monticello to Bruflon | 0.20 | |
| R.R. Fare Bruflon to Blairs | 0.70 | |
| expense at Blairs | 0.50 | |
| R.R. Fare Blairs to Tallahassee | 0.55 | |
| Tallahassee to Chattahoochee landing | 2.00 | |
| Postage Stamps | 0.25 | |
| " " | 0.50 | |
| Boat on river | 1.00 | |
| Going up & down Applachicola River the | 12.00 | |
| Both ways | | |
| | 27.15 | |

Chattahoochee landing 27 15
to Tallahassee 2.00
expenses at Tallahassee 2.00
Telegrams to see if there
was any letter where I had 1.00
left Postage stamps 1.10
" " 0.50
R.R. Fare to Baldwin 6.75
Baldwin to Cedar Keys 5.50
Boats around Cedar 2.00
Keys bought
Glasses as samples 1.75
R.R. Fare Cedar Keys
to New York 38.35
New York to Mount Park
3 times running about
Passport etc 3.00
Gunning 1.50
Sleeping bars 6.00

98.60
100.85
199.45

Expenses to
Baltimore

| | |
|---|---|
| R.R. Fare to Phild- | 1 " 81 |
| " " " " | 1 " 81 |
| Phil - to Baltimore | 3 " 25 |
| " " " " | 3 " 25 |
| | 10 " 12 |
| Hotel expenses | 4 " 00 |
| | 14 " 12 |
| | 199 45 |
| | 213. 57 |

350.00
213 57
136.43

$40.00 cash

ap Newark NJ Sept 17, 80
Geo. Price
a Sept 24, 80

Have got a man

Newark Sept 17th 80

Mr Thos A. Edison
Menlo Park

I saw Mr Murray this A.M. and he informed me that you wanted him to go to India to purchase Bamboo. I am now awaiting the death of my wife which is momentarily expected and as soon as the funeral is over I shall be at liberty to go any where away from this place as there will be no further ties to bind me to Newark and if you think that my judgment would be worth anything am

open for anything no matter what I am writing this on, my knee and attending to her as well it may appear strange to you that I should write you under the circumstances but anything for relief from my thoughts.
My wife just expressed the wish that she should be remembered to yours as she has met her on one or two occasions and thinks very highly of her. If you want a man that will work faithfully and honestly please let me know as I have had a hard time of it for the last few months and am entirely out of means hoping I may hear from you soon

I. Remain
Yours Truly
Geo Price

Address 61 Pichenor St
Newark

No. 44.

# HALF RATE MESSAGES.

## THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Tallahassee Fla Sept 22 1880

Received at Menlo Park

To Thos A. Edison

Bite three mills wide
ten long numerous smaller
apalachicola loaf quality
previous samples through
Northern Florida. What orders
mailed samples.

John R. Segredor

24/collect ½ Rate.

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

No 4. Tallahasse Fla 24/ 24 hours to pay

T. A. Edison Menlo Park
N. J.

Have to wait money has
to come from Savannah
Send other hundred early
tomorrow that it can be
ordered & leave them same
Evening Rio R Segredor

*Blank No. 73.*

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A. R. BREWER, Secretary. NORVIN GREEN, President.

*No.* 6

Sept 24 1870

The Western Union Telegraph Company,

*Received of* Thos A Edison

One hundred *Dollars,*

*to be paid to* John R Segredor

At Jones Hotel Tallahassee Fla

*subject to the above terms and conditions.*

W T H Barr

*Office Manager.*

*Amount of Transfer,* $100.00

*Telegraph Service,* . . 2.70

*Other Service,* . . . 1.00

*Total,* . . . $103.00

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A. R. BREWER, Secretary. NORVIN GREEN, President.

*No.*

*187*

The Western Union Telegraph Company,

*Received of* Charlton T Lefferts

One hundred *Dollars,*

*to be paid to* John R Segredor

Tallahassee Fla

*subject to the above terms and conditions.*

Western Union Telegraph, 145 Broadway, N. Y. SEP 25 1870

*Office Manager.*

*Amount of Transfer,* $100

*Telegraph Service,* . . 2.70

*Other Service,* . . . 1.00

*Total,* . . . $103.70

~~T. A. EDISON,~~

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~~Menlo Park, N. J.,~~ 1880.

Central Hotel Tallahassee
Sept. 25/80

Dear Sir I arrived here last Wednesday eve- from the Appalachicola River. I went down the full length of the river. There is any amount almost of cane along this river either close to the banks or a short distance from them. The banks are extremely low & are covered with water all the year round except in very hot weather when the river falls a little. This submerged portion is completely covered with trees & brush & cane all the way down & extends from a few hundred yards in some places to miles in others. The generality of the cane is so situated as to be very favorable to transportation if it united. especially in that large tract I telegraphed you about. Nearly everyone along the banks & even along the railroad has chills & fever in some form. The lands are so low & there is so much swamp

I surely have had a return of the same kind I had in the beginning of the summer. I have been taking heavy doses of Quinine night & morning & it has left me quite well. I saw the State Commissioner of Lands etc yesterday eve. – He has just returned from a prolonged trip through the extreme southern portions of the state, i.e. Dade Co. & Monroe. He has been a no. of months away arranging for the bringing of the land there to market as they have never been introduced before. He completely justifies the course I pursued in not going there to look for cane. He says there might be an isolated spot of a few yards in area but that is all. A large portion of the whole place Dade Co. has never been explored or surveyed. There is a number of Indians in that ~~portion~~ county but they are friendly. The hotel I am stopping at is opposite the State Capitol &

He had to use a Brunette complexion powder to hide the ravages of the fever

T. A. EDISON, 2

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is frequented by the State officers
The State comptroller asked the
clerk to introduce him to me
He offered his services to but
I got nothing new in the way
of information. He got me that
Century plant & Spanish
Bayonet plant out of capitol
garden. I saw them there &
asked him for them. Anytime
you wanted anything here he
said to let him know & if he
could not get it himself he
would get others to get it. Anyone
that has read anything about or
seen an electric light considers
you the inventor. Such as the
light on Coney Island
Broadway. The Bowery etc
It is rather embarassing after a
man has praised what he
considers your light up to
the skies to have to tell him
he is wrong. I generally let
them keep the idea they have got

I have been told by a no of different parties I made enquiries of that there was large quantities of Cane in Georgia But they all say it just the same quality as the cane in this state, & the Cane here is not a true Bamboo
Of course you know a large portion of the samples sent are not sent with the expectation that they will answer, But merely to cover all the ground, & show I am working. It is a great pity some kind of wood could not be used. ~~They~~ They say to make it elastic by high pressure steam, Only instead of the steam of water use absolute alcohol, or some light oil etc This would give the wood enough elasticity without giving it anything that would destroy it in the process of carbonization
At Ellaville where I stopped at some time ago I saw something that may interest

T. A. EDISON, 3

Menlo Park, N. J., 1880

all in a line

you. It was a No of boilers fired with great sawdust. The noteworthy part was that three heats were got. First the flame went underneath the boilers, then through the flues, & finally third & last over the top of boilers. They seemed to work first class. The draught was got by merely burning a small quantity of sawdust in the ash pit. The sawdust was brought there by an automatic apparatus. This is the largest mill in the state & is owned principally by the present governor of the state. I ~~also~~ been there & had a few minutes conversation. But I did not know then he was governor. I got the address of a man who has been all through the West India Islands. I am going to write to him

to night. I will tell him to send the answer to Menlo Park you can notify me by telegraph if he sends any information of any value. The Commissioner of lands gave me his address and he is said to be well posted & to have been to ~~Jamaica~~ etc. ~~There~~ Jamaica.

John R Reynolds

P.S.
John R Reynolds

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., 1880.

Central Hotel Tallahassee
Fla. Sept 25/80

Dear Sir. I am out here representing T. A. Edison of Menlo Park New Jersey Probably you know the great Inventor by reputation I am searching for a certain kind of cane similar to the bamboo that is used to make fishing rods of. I can find plenty of cane but none of the requisite quality It must be solid & close grained & not porous The Commissioner of lands Mr Corley gave me your name & address & said if any man could give me the information I sought it would be you. He said

You had been all through the West India islands Jamaica etc. What I want to know is if you recollect ever having seen any of the bamboo cane in your travels among the islands etc & if so where. or if you have seen any very tough fibrous plant of any kind there in your travels. Mr Edison uses it to make an electric light out of it. I shall feel greatly indebted if you will send the answer to this to Mr Edison at Menlo Park. As I am going to Cuba I have not time to wait for an answer. Hoping to return the favor in some way

I remain
Yours
John R. Segredor

J R Segredor Esq

[ATTACHMENT]



De Land Fla Sept 29th 1880

Dear Sir

There is a specie of Wild cane that grows in the North side of the Island of Jamaica that is solid & heavy, great quantities can be had. I think however you would save much time & money in searching by going straight off to the River Amazon, where every variety of Canes & reeds grow. Some years ago Bamboos were being shipped from Jamaica to New York for paper making, but they were hollow & even when split, difficult to compress, the business was abandoned & transferred to Brazil where a reed was found that was solid, & answer the purpose as well.

Yours Respectfully
C. Courrington

Answer to a letter from J R Segredo

m/ Upsala Sweden Sept 25 80
Dr Otto Petterson
a Oct 15, 1880

Upsala 25th Sept. 1880.

To Mr. Edison, Esq. Menlo Park U. S.

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of begging you to send me some scientific papers recently published by you.

Being occupied with the publication of a treatise on the modern theoretic principles of electricity, I have been obliged to enter upon a critic of the theory of Edlund, who ascribes the electric current to a circulation of the free æther contained in the circuit. The electromotoric force entering in the circuit acts similar to the heart of the human body, compelling the æther to flow through the entire circuit like the blood in the veins of the body. According to this theory the same quantity of electric fluid is always employed in the same circuit, the intensity of the current depending

not on the quantity but of the velocity of the æther.

I wish to point out, that there may be another possibility. If the current is caused by chemical action, viz. Zinc and Sulphuric acid, the æthereal layer enveloping the molecules of the metal must be destroyed and the æther, thus set at liberty, may be obliged by the electromotoric force to partake in the circulation of the current, in which case an accumulation of the electric fluid in the circuit would take place, the density and also the pressure of the æther augmenting consequently.

From the perusal of a paper upon electricity I recently found, that the idea of electric currents of „high pressure" has been introduced into science by you. Not being able to procure the original papers, I must beg of you the favour of forwarding them to me. I only wish to trouble you for those papers, wherein you have treated the theoretic parts of electricity.

Your important investigations will not only be of the greatest interest to me, but will, as I hope, essentially promote the accomplishment of my task.

I remain, dear Sir,
your most obedient servant

Dr. Otto Pettersson
Docent at the University
of Upsala,
Sweden

Pensacola Fla
Sep 28 1880

Prof T A Edison
Menlo Park N J

Dr Sir

Yours of 21st inst rec'd
noted. I send you The Large End
of my "fishing Rod". I think it is
rather above the medium size of the
Red River Cane. The joints are shorter
at Large End. The Sample sent you
is a whole joint. You will notice
the tissue inside, perhaps you can
put that to use. I also send you
a small piece of our native cane
also cut off of one of my Rods.
The Sample of Bamboo sent you was
purposely picked out as the most
decayed. I can gather up about
200 running feet of that kind
for you by express or freight. The pieces
are about 10 or 12 feet long & from
2 to 3 in diameter. If you can use
it. The cost to you will be very
little outside of freight. say 10 cents
cartage & picking up. I am not a
scientific man nor have I much

of the "filthy lucre", but if I can be of any assistance to you in your researches call on me & I will respond.

Though if there is to be a demand for the cane would like to have your price for gathering same before you settle on giving the contract out. The Rods sell here at retail at from 25 to 40 ¢ each according to size. (Have you ever thought of making the friction of a moving train of cars useful towards lighting them.?) If our cane can be used they are plentiful. Should I get a piece of our native Rotan will send it to you - or in fact any other species which comes anyway near my idea of what you want. Does the cane have to be one in diameter or is you use it in strips.

Yours &c
Wm B Dunyan

The cane I cut the joint ~~in two so as~~ to make the package better shape -
I also send you a joint - (the smallest) of a species of Garden cane propogated from roots. The grain is fine and may answer your purpose if force is large enough.

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# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



Dated Cedar Keys Fla Sept 28 1880

Received at Menlo Park

To Thos A Edison

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Sum Spanish Consul
Cant do any thing without
passport from Washington
and letters showing business
quarantine here against
Keywest fever there.
Havana better cans go
from North quicker cheap
more certain.

Jno R. Sequider

31 Collect 280 7 240 via
Lake City Ky-

Sep 28 = 1880

J. R. Segredor
Cedar Keys
Florida

— All right —

T. A. Edison

Sent through Telephone

Mess. Babcock & Wilcox.

Please favor us with Detail-Estimates, to serve in estimates for our various plans.

Two Boilers as planned by you, to go inside of 21 Ft front, 9 tiers of tubes, complete.

Also two of the same with Economizer complete, erected in New York on foundations furnished.

Steampipes to Engines, Blowpipes, Blowers, Pumps, Elevators, Coal-bunkers and Stacks to be estimated all separately ~ Sep 28/86

Copy as 1-2.
C. L. Clark

R. N. POOL, President. J. F. LEWIS, Vice President. R. W. DORPHLEY, Secretary. THOS. B. SUPLEE, Treasurer.

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# Pennsylvania and Virginia Iron and Coal Co.

General Office, No. 417 Walnut Street.

Philadelphia, Pa. Sept. 28th 1882

Friend Edison

Gve this to E H G to answer

I am a believer in your light. and would like to be actively identified with its introduction here. If a company already organized for this city you could doubtless suggest a way in which I might connect with it; if not, I think I could further such an organization very materially. If this field entirely covered, an assignment to some other large city would come next in desirability. If Ed. Johnson is coming over here shortly you might express yourself through him, or if you prefer, I can come to Menlo Park any day.

Yours truly T. B. Delany

I don't profess to know much about your light; but I can learn. Johnson gave me a clearer insight in a few minutes than I had previously gathered altogether.

A.

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., Sept 29th 1880.

Messrs R. Dunbar & Sons
Buffalo NY

Copied Sep 29 Ernest

Gentlemen;

I am making tests of different kinds of Engines at Menlo Park. If your No 4 will run 600 revolutions and work at a boiler pressure of 120 lbs please ship one to me immediatly.

Very truly
T. A. Edison

Your catalogue does not inform us at what boiler pressure and cut-off you estimate the horse-power. This we wish to know.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,

**Bureau of Lamps and Gas,**

Room 21, City Hall,

New York, October 1st, 1880.

Answered Oct 5. 1880 AG

My Dear -

I noticed an article in one of our City Newspapers some days ago in which it was stated that you had written a description of your Electric-light system for a Monthly Magazine but I have forgotten the publication in which it appeared.

As I take some interest in your successful adaptation of the light by incandescence (which is the only system that can be of any real benefit to the public) I desire to read your article and I will be obliged if you will mention, on the inclosed Postal Card, the publication in which I can find it.

Any information in regard to the public Lamps of this City will be gladly furnished you.

Yours Truly

S. M. Cornell

Supt Lamps & Gas.

Thos. A. Edison, Esq.

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., 1880.

Carman

Write the man who made the Big Glass Globes for Street Lamps, to inquire if he can make Opal Glass Shades such as are used on Coal Oil Lamps & Argand Burners - We shall want them of special pattern - Will furnish Samples

By Order of Edison
E. H. Johnson

Lab. Oct. 5/80

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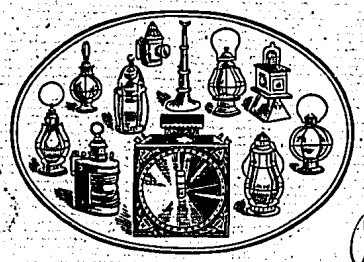

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Oct 20 1880

New York, Oct 5th 1880

T. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir:

Mr. T. Inman General Manager of the Inman S. S. Co., of Liverpool is now in this City and is desirous of examining the Electric Light as applied to Steamships, with a view to using it on their new Steamer now building.

My object in writing you is to ascertain if you will be prepared to show him the Light on the 13th or 14th of the present month at which time he proposes to visit Menlo Park. An early reply will greatly oblige

Yours Resp'y

Jos. Porter

Jos. Wm. Porter's Sons

271 Pearl St

N.Y.

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# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.



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Dated New York Oct 6th 1880

Received at Menlo Park

To Wm Carman

Have Morse call in Goddards before three O'clock with letter of introduction from Mr Edison

Have arranged for letter of credit. you must furnish Morse with Five hundred thirty Cash. I cannot get it. my address care of Goddard

Griffin

140

39 paid

180

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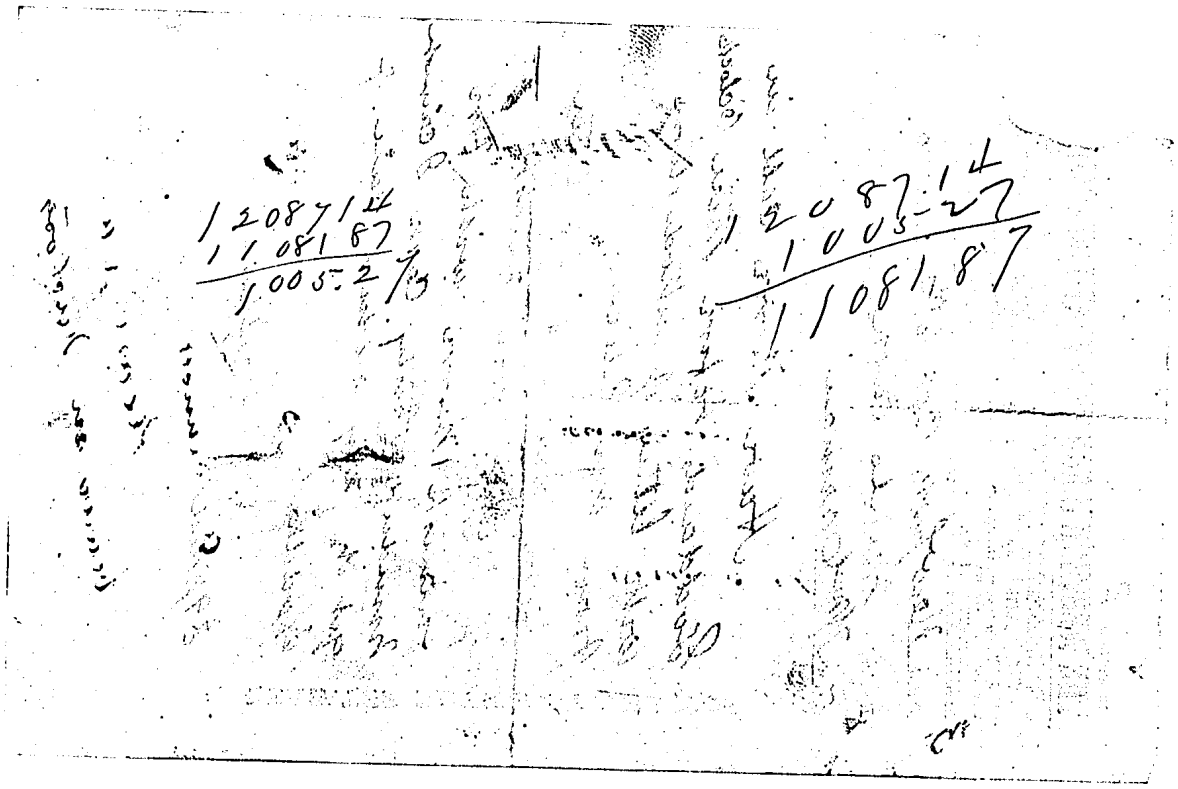
READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, Pres.

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Dated, Menlo Park N.J. Oct 6 Rec'd at Western Union Building, BROADWAY AND DEY STREET.

To D. L. Griffin Oct 6 1880.

Can E Goddard

23 Wall st NY.

All right I will arrange

H.

Wm Darman

6 Paid

us Mq

**READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.**

New Brunswick Oct 6th 81

Mr Edison

Dear Sir

Will you please furnish me with a certificate of the test made at your establishment Oct 4th 81 of my Insulator. by giving this your early attention you will oblige

Yours Very Respectfully

J. L. C Vivalier

Address

J. L. C Vivalier

New Brunswick

N.J.

Time of the order about 10 minutes

Rec when measured 120,000 ohms

Franco

What was the test?

Edison

N.B.
you never acknowledge the last Samples sent you

Habana Nov 6th 1880

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park

My dear Edison

I wrote you by last mail inclosing Ofs &c which I trust you have rec'd all right — I send you by the Niagara samples of Cane — Viz — the Whitish canes are male canes which have been at 2 months dried in the Sun the short greenish piece was cut on the 2nd Nov. and has been 24 hours in an oven at 180 F. I have some more samples cut and drying male & female, the female cane is very soft & pappy and I fear will be useless, Captain Baker of Niagara Kindly has taken charge of the Samples.

Write me full particulars of all you may require here — I shall send you the list of Samples & woods by next mail, The first day John S. came here he presented me with a book "Prescott on the Telephone" I find it has your name written in it if you require it I shall send it on, if not, I shall feel obliged to you for it, — In my last excursion I found several beautiful fibres which exist in large quantities here if they interest you I can send you on a few. one is Piña de Batan which is as fine as Silk & very white & strong —

With regards to yourself & all friends
Remain Yours truly
P. F. Rutter

Menlo Park 10. 9. 80

Received from T A Edison
six dollars money advanced
by mr Moore for expenses
on Bamboo

$6.

Harvey S. Moore

Abendroth & Root Mnfg Co
28 Cliff Str. New York.

Gent's OK Oct 10.

Enclosed find the general plan of placing Boilers in Building to suit our other requirements, based on proposals of Yours.
It would be advisable to place Economizers in the flue from the Boilers in Basement. Any sagestions or desirable changes to advantage of Boilersettings and their economy in this case, which may present themselves to You now are solicited.
Please give information with estimate relative to Economizers and how to aply them in this case

Yours

(written by Julius Hornig)

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We do not will patg mach out

School of Mines, 275, 15 St
Denver Colorado
Oct 12 1880

Prof. T. A. Edison
Dr Sir.

I want some particulars of your Magneto-Electric Machine for the deposition of Copper, price &c. Would you oblige me with Prospectus &c

Immediately

Yours respectfully
Fred. J. Stanton, ME

P.S. I suppose your machine will also reduce silver & gold as well

Copy of letter written Oct 17, 80

Dr Otto Petterssoge
Upsala
Sweden

E.L. Conduction / . / (Oct. 12/50)

Your Communication of the 7th ~~published my paper~~ [illegible] or [illegible] do my work has been mostly practical. It is true that I have introduced the word "Current of Electricity" instead of "Electromotive force" for the reason that ~~Electricity~~ the latter is a term few comprehend ~~in~~ its whole meaning ~~and because~~ and because "pressure" is the proper term

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In my practical work I had ~~thought~~ out a certain theory of Electricity which I considered the true one and all my results have been obtained by and of this theory which is ~~that~~ simply this ~~that~~: there is a current and this current can have its velocity increased or decreased by a greater or lower pressure; ~~that~~ ~~the current~~ ~~[illegible]~~ That if it is diverted to

transfer ~~transfer~~ a million foot lbs of Energy from one point to another ~~ten~~ miles apart ~~that~~ a current of infinite weakness may be used and the work transformed by increasing the velocity of the weak current.

As an analogy I have used the illustration of the transmission of power by a ~~belt~~ belt or other band from one shaft ~~of~~ to another ~~the~~ we consider the size of the belt to represent the current & the velocity of the same ~~represent~~ the



pressure. then it is seen that if we use a 6 and 1 foot wide running at a velocity of 1000 feet per minute we may transfer say 10 horse power of Energy whereas if we use a belt only 6 inches in width and a velocity of 2000 feet per minute we can still transfer the 10 hp of Energy so we may continue weakening our belt ~~work~~ and increasing its velocity until it is as thin as a single spider web & still transfer the 10 hp.

~~No of [illegible]~~

The power ~~transferred~~ depending entirely upon the number of square inches or units of belt surface passing a given point per minute, so with Electricity, with the weakest current ~~[illegible]~~ ~~Energy~~ energy can be transferred over the ~~[illegible]~~ smallest conductor by increasing the velocity of the same by increasing the pressure, so that a greater number of units shall pass a given point in the circuit in a given time —

I have never used the Æther in my theories always considered that ~~the~~ transfer of Energy



in Every form could be Explained by vibrations of matter as we know it How matter, ~~no matter~~ although of extreme lightness could be transferred through denser matter at the enormous velocity at which Electricity flows I cannot conceive but could conceive its transmission by vibration very easily. The oxidation of Zinc in the air produces vibrations of light, The oxidation in a battery must be the same only under different conditions & in a different degree

hence there must also be vibrations. These vibrations must necessarily be slower than that due to ~~the~~ radiant heat of low refrangibility = of

~~a single cell is used, one~~

~~effect is slow oxidation and a current of say~~

~~of a single cell is put~~

~~on an electric circuit we~~

~~we gives make the equal~~

~~light of rays of low refrangibility~~

~~now if we add a cell~~

~~to each, we get increase~~

~~the current but~~

I think it was De la Rue who by means of a revolving mirror proved that the light in a Geissler tube from a battery of a great number of cells was discontinuous ~~they truly go~~



If we take a single cell: the rapidity of oxidation of the Zinc in that cell cannot be increased by increasing the size of the plate or by the use of better excitants etc, but if we connect into the circuit a second cell then the ~~temp~~ rapidity of oxidation is raised by the action of the other cell upon the zinc of the first cell, then there are vibrations set up which have higher rates, as would be the case if the rapidity of the oxidation of zinc in air was increased by some means,

Very truly yours

TCR

Department of Public Works,
Bureau of Lamps & Gas.
Room 21, City Hall
New York, October 13/80.

Dr. Sir –

I will be glad to call on you, at Menlo Park, on Saturday afternoon next, leaving by 2.45 train.

S. McCormick
Supt. Lamps & Gas.

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W. H. HARRINGTON, Secretary.

Chicago, Oct. 14 1880

In reply to yours of .....

Thos. A. Edison Esq.
Dear Sir;

Will you send me one of your perfected carbon lamps? There is great interest here to see it and I will see that it does you no harm.

Respfly
Geo. H. Bliss

I have to have first what will have some

Came

Recd Oct 24 '80
Edward S Rand
E S Rand

File Case

Pau-a-Brasil
14th Oct 1880

Mr T. A. Edison.

Dear Sir

Your favor of Aug
20th to Mr Pringle the
American Consul at this
city, has been handed by
him to me, as I am
familiar with the Amazon
where I have spent nearly
three years, engaging
on the Amazon & its tributaries.

The Brazilian gum-copal
is found in the whole
Amazon region in many
different kinds, it is a very
fine gum, the thickness
of ones arm to that of

and fingers. It is not the same as the East Indian species but has (or same species) much resemblance to it. The fine mottled species known in the United States as Malacca cane is (not found here.)

The length of the smaller canes here is about 12 to 15 ft the butt being about an inch in diameter. The larger canes are not so long. The smaller species can be obtained plentifully near Obidos about 700 miles from here but the larger are natives of Peru above Loreto. Both

can be obtained in any quantity though arranging for a first shipment would be expensive as it would involve a personal visit to the region of production to explain exactly what was wanted. Please write more fully as to quality and quantity wanted. Freight from place of production to Para or European steamers would not be expensive nor would ocean freight as deck load. by sailing vessel or English line of steamers. There would probably be a small export duty here and you might ascertain the import duty at New York. If you wish samples

I should have to fit up the rooms to get them and engine! The entire would be about $1,100 -

Please write to fully

Awaiting your reply

I am Respectfully Yours

Edward S. Rand

Para.

Rio Amazonas

Brazil

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**WILLIAM POHTER'S SONS,**

Please answer if you will be ready

321 PEARL STREET.

New York, Oct. 14 1880.

Dear Sir:

Mr E Inman of Liverpool
Will Call at Menlo Park
at 10 o'clock Tuesday Next
and wishes to leave at 11 56
on his way to Philadelphia Please have
lights to exhibit ready so that he
will not be delayed
our Mr Barre will be with him

Wm Porter & Sons

FABBRI & CHAUNCEY,
P.O.BOX 1471.

48. South Street.
New York: Oct 14 1880

Dear Mr Griffin

Several friends of mine are desirous of seeing Mr Edison's the electric light. – I write to ask you if it would be agreeable to him if I should take them up to Menlo Park on Wednesday evening next, 20th inst. –

Please favor me with a reply & oblige

Yours truly
E G Fabbri

P.S. We have a letter from our correspondents at Rio Janeiro saying that they would attend to the Bambor samples immediately. – It seems that the cane is to be obtained from the interior of the country.
E G F.

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., Oct 12 1880.

Received from T. A. Edison
one hundred & fifty dollars
on acc of Cuban trip
$150.

John R. Regnedor

Cane W. H. Moore No reply E.L.

# Palace Hotel.

Ans. Cane

San Francisco, Oct. 17. 1880.

Mr. Thos. A. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

Since my arrival here I have been on the lookout for Bamboo but have been unable to find any quantity of a suitable kind –

I went on board the Steamer Columbia which has just arrived in port, saw your machines with which the parties are highly pleased. ~~with~~ one of the lamps they say has run over 800 hours – but just at present they are greatly in want of lamps as about half

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1880-10-17

# Palace Hotel.

San Francisco, 18

of those first sent are
placed out –
The Columbia has a
Maxim machine to run
the head light –
There is a fair show
made in this city with
Brush machines, there
being three located at a
central stations, feeding
forty lights placed at prominent
points within a radius
of a mile from station.
There are also eight Brush
lights at this hotel but
they do not give the
satisfation desired and
the managers of the hotel
with whom I have
talked are favorable to

over (2)

adopting your system of lighting —

I have been informed that the sailing vessels which ply between here and Japan are taken off during the winter months, being employed on this coast for carrying grain, so I no doubt will be obliged to send by steamer for a few months. I am also informed that the Japanese are very tricky in their dealings and would make a corner whenever they can, so I think it will be as well when the best stock bamboo is found to lay in a good supply — and not depend much on future supply through Agents but I will know better how the land lays when I get on the other side.

Bamboo saved in length Duty Free
[3] do Split one or more times 35%

1880-10-17

Just seen Capt. Anderson of the Columbia he said he had telegraphed to you several times for lamps and it is now becoming a matter of serious importance as so many are examining the system and observe the failure of so many lamps — I sail within an hour — will keep you well informed of my movements and do my best in the Bamboo line —

CHJ

As soon as you are ready to put your lights on the market I wish you would send me particulars, prices etc as I may be in a position to place some to advantage

Yours truly
W. H. Moore

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EXECUTIVE OFFICES

# ALBEMARLE FERTILIZER COMPANY,

**93 CEDAR STREET,**

ALBERT SPEYERS, Pres't.
EDWIN M. FOX, Secretary.
FRANCIS W. JACOBS, Treas.

New York, Oct 22 1888

My dear Edison;

I have just made a (to me) startling discovery. In looking out of the window of my office, I saw directly opposite in a room in the Equitable Building, plainly visible from here, persons making your Electric light. Even if I write seated at my desk I can see and there is no doubt of it, your vacuum pump with a young man working it and your little lamp. They bring it up to a

brilliant incandescence and then with a spirit lamp seal the lamp, exactly as I have seen it done in the laboratory. I can see the Π shaped carbon as plain as I can see this paper. On making the discovery I immediately sent my Bookkeeper over to see what kind of a place it was. He came back & reported that it was the office of the U. S. Electric Light Co.

Did you know this? If not isn't it of some importance to you. I am

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

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**93 CEDAR STREET,**

ALBERT SPEYERS, PRES'T.
EDWIN M. FOX, SECRETARY.
FRANCIS W. JACOBS, TREAS.

New York, ..... 188

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sure it is a clear infringement on your patents. Looking out of the window now, I can see four little lamps in a row gradually being brought up to incandescence.

In one corner of the room is a blow pipe where a man is engaged in making the bulbs. There are 15 or 20 people in the room and they all are apparently at work. Two young men

in shirt sleeves, seem to be handling carbonized fibres just as I have seen Bachelor do a hundred times. The fourth lamps are now at a brilliant incandescence. If you don't know about this I wished advise you to look into it. The whole establishment is directly opposite here only the width of the street intervening.

Why in the name of all that's good don't you reply to my letters. I have written you two. Are you coming in to Newport tomorrow Saturday? If not can I have a long talk with you at your home on Sunday. Please telegraph me sure tomorrow.

Yours Truly

Edison

Phila Oct 23rd 80

Mr. Thomas A. Edison.

Dear Sir,

Preparatory to an intented visit to you, I would inform you, in advance, of the purpose of the same. What I wish to discuss with you is this: Would you agree to assist me (as a partner) in bringing out a magneto-electric machine for generating electric currents to be used for electric lights, telegraphing, electroplating &c. This generator is intented to excel all other generators now known in Europe as well as here. It will be constructed in strict accordance with scientific, mechanical and economical principles, in such a way that a steam or other motor will produce, by it, the most possible current. I have built in a rude way a small working model of this generator, and my expectations of it are fully realized. This most efficient generator, no doubt, would enable you to sell electricity to consumers for a great deal less than otherwise you would have to charge,

and still have more profit left for your company; the lights could also be a little larger than gas jets — all these advantages would greatly assist the introduction of your lighting system. But what other profits could be realized by the monopoly of the best generator?! This generator will in Europe be just as valuable as here, and ought to be patented there, also; but that requires an outlay of money greater than my means would allow me, and so I have to look for aid. I thought you to be the right man, as I know you to be, in the highest degree, capable, enterprising and trustworthy, and I only hesitated, for a while, to make you this offer, because I feared that your just ambition as an inventor of such world's renown would not permit you to associate with another inventor (and patentee) for the purpose to accomplish your great enterprise — the adaptation of the electric light for domestic use. Should, however, the interest of your Comp. be of higher importance



to you, then, by assisting me to construct the most perfect generator, you would soon be able to give to the world the light they have so long been waiting for, and give it cheap enough, too. I am certain that a personal interview will settle things all right, and request you to let me know at what time I might call at your place, or, should it be convenient to you, if you will call at my house.

Expecting soon a favorable answer, I remain

yours respectfully
G. W. Nell (printer and amateur-electrotyper),
253 South 12th st.

Philadelphia, Oct. 23, '80.

References (over 25 years):
Prof. Chas. F. Kroeh, Stevens Institute, Hoboken.
R. M. Muckle, Manager of "Public Ledger", Phila.
Dr. Morwitz, Publisher of "Phila. Democrat".

P. S. — You state in your article in the "North American Review" of October, that you have adopted "dynamos" for "magnetos" — that is to say: you have, for the sake of final success, substituted better generators — which makes me hope that you will adopt the best of the generators, especially if you can become partly owner of them.

Then you say in the "Review" that the amount of electricity consumed in each house will be registered by a sort of meter. But that registering meter described and illustrated in Scribner's "Monthly" of February, will not be practical, and I feel quite certain that you are of the same opinion now. In my leisure time, and for amusement's sake, I have worked out the idea of such a meter that will perform its duty faithfully — without galvanic deposits of metal and without magnets — like a scale it weighs the current with great accuracy and registers the same. The principle involved would also make an excellent galvanometer for



other use, working in about the same way as a barometer, or as a steam-gauge, by pressure. If you would adopt this meter, you could have it on your own terms.

You further say in the "Review": "Men are being trained to execute all the details of the introduction and working of the electric light system." — Now, even in this respect, I might do you some service by offering for your employ two of my (5) sons (21 and 19 years old), one now employed as a printer, the other as assistant to a chemist), both can use their hands cleverly in almost any kind of work; the older, especially, is a good draughtsman and passionate amateur-cabinetmaker (he made for me the Patent-office model of my generator), conceives quickly and thoroughly any kind of machinery knows a good deal of electricity, and can speak and write English, German and French. No doubt, you could well utilize his talents. He dislikes his trade (printer), because it does not afford him opportunities enough to exercise his mental faculties.

This brother might be useful as a clerk; he writes a clear, mercantile, pleasing hand (see his letter enclosed) and possesses other good qualities for such a position; or he may be particularly useful for introducing or pushing things through, being in no wise timid or afraid of anything; he has prepossessing manners, and, when required, can use his tongue very lively in English as well as in German. — Both young men do not know that I write in their behalf.

G. W. N.

Mr Thomas A. Edison.

Dear Sir.

It affords me great pleasure to inform you, that my grandfather who keeps a stationary store, is very anxious to have your light introduced in his place, and that my father would not for a moment hesitate to have his house lighted by your lamps, as we all believe they are the best for that purpose. No doubt, your electric light would, also, be of great utility to my employer in testing sugar by the polariscope. Please, therefore, to let us soon have your light.

With high esteem yours

William Nell,

Phila, Oct 19. '80. 253 South 12th Street

Philadelphia Oct 13/88
Howell
Has 2 sons wants jobs for them
Oct 18

For as generator is has new work up to point of perf we are within 5 p.c of theoretical max don't see how it can go

Now 2 jobs? Ex + Acc merely engaged in memo of things for E. C.

Regarding meters we have one that counts up in same manner as gas meter

Regarding your sons I will put their names on list I believe can use them when get ready to enter light

(8)

NY Oct 25. 80
Prof. M. I. Pupin
a Jany 3, 81

Will give you two or three lamps if you will arrange & promise to supply them with the proper electromotive force. You can call & get them any

Columbia College
New York Oct 25th 1880

Dear Sir;

I write to ask you if it is possible for me to obtain from you, according to a promise made me during my visit at your laboratory, one or two of your lamps. I asked them of you as samples for lecture purposes in the Physical lecture room. My object in reminding you now is, I was in hopes of obtaining them before the last week in November, in which case I desired to exhibit them at a church fair along with other physical wonders which I may

be able to gather for the occasion. If you could let me have one or two only for a week or ten days, I should be greatly obliged, as I am very desirous of making my collection an attractive as well as an instructive one.

Hoping to hear favourably from you, I remain yours,

truly

M. E. Ikeseng.

Ass't in Physics.

**WILLIAM PORTER'S SONS.**

271 PEARL STREET.

New York, Oct. 26th 1880

Dear Sir: Will you be kind enough to send the lamps promised to Mr Inman of Inman S.S. Co. at once, as he expects to leave for Europe latter part of this month. Also lamps promised to Mr Cunard.

Yours truly Wm Porter's Sons

JOEL SHARP, *Pres't.*
M. DAVIS, *V. Pres't.*

T. C. BOONE, *Sec'y and Treas.*

J. S. BONSALL, *Sup't.*
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## BUCKEYE AUTOMATIC CUT-OFF ENGINE;

Also, Common Slide-Valve Engines, Saw Mills, and Hall's Shingle Machines,

Salem, Col. Co., Ohio, Oct 26 1880

Mr. T. A. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

We see by the papers that you are going to California next week. Can you not find time to stop over a day or train at Salem? We will need the promised drawing of a "dyna=mo" machine to which the engine is to be attached if we are to go on and build one, but besides that there are other points on which a little consultation with you would be to our mutual advantage.

We have a plan of engine now nearly perfected which is a modification of our regular automatic so far as relates to the valves and gear, the former being both light and easy working and the latter consisting simply of rods passing di=rect from small eccentrics to the valves without the intervention of rockershafts. To get eccentrics as small as possible (4 in) they are placed on auxillary shaft

B & Co (Thompson)

Oct 27

Havana 27

Edison

John dead vomito

Telegraph instructions

Butler

~~Bury him my expense.~~

~~with funds his possession~~

Bury him my expense.

Habana October 27th/80

Prof. T. A. Edison
Menlo Park -

My dear Sir,

I am without any of your favors or replys to my letters of the 6th - 13th & 20th Inst or acknowledg. of Samples sent which I hope reached you I have some more which I shall send forward when I hear from you - Instead of sending me on the Amt of the A/c $320 $\frac{71}{100}$ please pay it into the Banking house of Mess Plock & Co of New York who will give you a receipt this will save you the trouble of buying exchange -

With regards to all & hoping you are well

I remain Yours truly

P. Rather

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Habana Oct 28th 1881

Professor Edison, Menlo Park

My dear Sir, I telegr'd you yesterday the death of poor John Segredo & rec'd your reply which immediately attend to. I delayed the burial & kept the body on ice thinking perhaps that his friends might wish it embalmed. I feel the deepest regret for his loss though only a recent acquaintance I found him a very good fellow & most energetic & anxious in his endeavours to carry out your ideas & wants & since his arrival I devoted all my time to forward his interests & yours & during his illness I may say I never left him & did & had everything done for him that was possible, I had the two best Physicians (yellow fever) in Habana Dr Burgess & Doctor Belot, also a first class nurse and a man to assist, no expense or trouble or attention was spared I even called in another Doctor Almiral and before he arrived John was dead the doctors declare it one of the severest & most virulent cases they have ever seen. and say that he was predisposed to it from having suffered from Malaria & peritonitis also from the fact that he was constantly taking excessive doses of Quinine (sulph). he exposed himself very much to the sun and eat very heartily both against my advice — On Saturday after completing his correspondence & delivering on board the Steamer "Newport" a mocking Bird addressed to you he came to dinner with me & appeared very well eating heartily, afterwards he came

with me to the Theatre, and I left him at his door about 10.30 from dinner time until bed time he drank a lemonade, and a bottle of Soda water, (he was very moderate in drink taking nothing but a little sherry and Lager beer,) when he was taking long cold drinks I cautioned him, but he has a special temper of his own, self willed & invariably did as he thought fit; At about 3 a.m. on Sunday morning my servant called me stating that my friend had sent up a messenger saying he was very ill, I started immediately saw him & immediately brought the Doctor Burgess, whose care and attention was beyond everything reaching three & sometimes four times a day, he declared it a very severe case of most malignant bowels & from the beginning gave me very little hope, but said the worse the case the more care & attention is required — I procured a first rate english speaking nurse & a man to assist, I took charge & gave up my business & everything & remained with him all the time only getting one or two hours of sleep each night — he then told Burgess to have a consultation he called in Beloit who is the medico of the Yellow fever Hospital — afterwards I asked for fresh consultation, he called Dr Almeral — & before Monsieur Amiel poor John was gone — at about 5 P.M. on Wednesday morning he died very tranquil and without pain, of Urea poisoning I need not repeat his suffering but if it is any consolation to you & his friends, if he been president of the States he could not have received more attention & kindness & medical attendance, nothing was spared, let alone the regard I had for him & common charity I considered you also in this matter,

When he died I had him put on ice and I telegraph'd you as I thought perhaps his friends might wish him embalm'd &c. On receipt of your reply he buried him very decently some friends of mine attended and I had the Episcopal Service read by Mr Belancourt of the American Consulate — I had a nice hearse & casket mourners &c I had a great fuss with the people in whose house he died, who forced me to take the body away immediately and charged me for the bed & bed clothes &c which they alone destroy, Mr Belancourt of the Consulate came to take an inventory of his effects which I enclose you & will send the Valise by Express addressed to you —

When he arrived here he deposited with me $100 in American Gold from which he drew $40 in two payments, and on Saturday $25 for a Bird — leaving in my hands $35 Gold — & I found in his pocket after he was taken ill $5 Gold & $15.25 in Spanish paper which sums I have placed to his credit in the General Ac, I enclose the original receipts & documents, such as are in Spanish paper I have reduced to Gold — & I thank you at your earliest convenience to remit the same, There were some samples of Cocoa which he cut but as they were dirty & infected with Vermin & a fowl being under his bed I had them destroyed I shall send you some duplicates as soon as I can turn out to cut them, he had a pocket knife & axe which I have kept — He explained perfectly to me the sign & style of Cacao you require and I shall look it up I shall have some cut & dried in the sun also — artificially —

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I am very sorry you sent out John Segredor I could have done all you require. I don't think the Lord would think it worth his while to kill me, you remember I was so strongly under this impression that I offered to go up the "Strait" for you = make me a fair offer & I shall take any risk.

Tell Balcombe & Mac that I cannot forget that horrible punn joke I made in my note to them of my seeing poor John "through the mill" I little thought when I wrote it, that it would prove so sadly true, however my conscience is perfectly at ease and I am sure that neither his Father Brother or kindest friend could have treated him more kindly - or taken more care of him, besides keeping him from danger as much as was in my power

I have passed these five days almost without rest & in miserable misery & I felt so ill yesterday that I began to think that I was in for a dose of fever so much so that I consulted the Doctor & took medicine I am better today, he however made me burn my clothes to avoid infection - so I have been physic - & fumigated & bathed, There is much "vomito" here at present and cases late in the season are much more fatal than at any other time, I lost two friends this month, Joan is the third -

Send me out full instructions and I shall try & fulfill & carry out all your views

I believe I can get you samples of 200 samples of woods of the Island all different & believe they were offered to the British Museum for £50.00 it is the labour of a life of 45 years - every tree on the Island touching the matter with care we may get very cheap

5)

They are part of the Collection of a Celebrated Botanist deceased the pieces are small about 3 inch long 3/4 inch thick & 3/4 wide - polished on one side to show the grain and is marked Botanical name &c. I think can be had from $4 to $5000 - Gold. I shall be glad to hear from you soon and if I can serve you I shall be too happy I wish you every success in all your undertakings

Give my kindest regards to Mrs Batchelder Richardson & Jeffers - I trust your family are well also your good self

Remain yours truly

Olney F Bates

Mr Jerrard & Capt Cooke

Saratoga N.Y. Oct 1880

List of effects of Mr John Segreda — who died, on the 27th of October 1880. of yellow fever. This inventory is taken in presence of Mr V. F. Butler and Mr Lawrence Betancourt of the American Consulate of this port.

Havana 28th October 1880

1 one leather valise containing as follows:
5 five shirts
2 two pair socks
1 one brush
1 one comb
1 one pair suspenders
4 four handkerchiefs
2 two other pair socks.
1 one Smith & Wesson revolver
1 one cloth coat
1 one box cartridges
4 four books
5 five black cravats
1 one broom brush
2 two boxes collars & paper
Various sundries consisting of note paper, pocket knife, razor, shaving brush, elastic, pencils, pens &c.

Vesey F Butler

Lawrence Betancourt

THE

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*C. B. RICHARDS, Superintendent.*

PHILADELPHIA, Oct 28 1880

T. A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of 27th at hand.

If the country were not to be paved or otherwise we would finish the bed on that day — As it is we can finish it on Wednesday & ship it at once on completion — We presume it can be sent as cheap to go direct via P. R. R.

Yours truly

SOUTHWARK FOUNDRY & MACHINE CO

W H Merrick

Address all communications to
The Southwark Foundry and Machine Co.,
430 Washington Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

Phila Nov 30. 80
Wm Curtis Taylor
Ans Nov 4, 80

Philadelphia Pa
914 Chestnut St
Nov. 2, 1880

My dear Sir:

The article from your pen in N. Am. Review has its usual tings of success, which must please everybody whose interest is not opposed to yours. I do not understand from your article that you have yet made your Darwinian chamber inviolable. If you will pardon

the suggestion I will say that I think it possible to make a joint that shall be perfectly impervious to the full pressure of the atmosphere, and also allows free expansion and contraction of the parts, and without liability to corrosion.

If you feel interested I shall be glad to communicate with you further.

Respectfully Wm Darby Taylor

914 Chestnut St
Philadelphia

Dear Sir;
Very glad to say we have no more difficulty with the joints on Vacuum receivers perfectly tight the latter point which is present is about too known
T. A. Edison

E.L. Cambridge Mass Nov 3d 1880
John Trowbridge
Ans. Nov 4. 80

Harvard University
Cambridge Mass
Nov 3 1880

My dear Sir

I enclose a slip which met my eye recently. In this stated ~~that~~ that you have a number of Dynamo electric machines of comparatively small size which you have rejected. I am very desirous of getting a Dynamo machine for my laboratory & thought ~~that~~ perhaps you might be willing to sell one of your second hand ones for a moderate price.

I want a machine which can be run by a gas engine of from one to three horse power & will furnish an electric light. (Voltaic arc) for projections. say ~~400 to 600~~ 400 to 600 candle power. Unfortunately the Physical Laboratory

Article is incorrect
going to make a test with
high speed engine with
single dynamo & with
large engine & number of
dynamos. I hope to be
able in short time to accommodate
you with a small machine

of this college is poor. I cannot
afford an expensive machine
An early answer will greatly
oblige me. Regretting to take up
your valuable time

I remain
Very truly yours
J Thorndike
Harvard University
Cambridge Mass

Mr. T. A. Edison
Menlo Park.

E. L. Foreign

Carlisle Eng^d Nov 4 80
Wm Pearce
Ans^d Dec 10-80
See Letter book

Lambfield Nov 4. 1880
Raughton Head
Carlisle England

Sir

I should feel much obliged if you would furnish me with a few brief particulars as regards the Electric light in its application to the lighting of towns &c

As I am thinking of reclaiming some land by the side of a river where I could get an excellent site for water power and as there a few towns near some 3 or 4 miles and one large town about 20 miles I would like to know what distance it could

be made available as the land reclaimed would realize a good percentage for interest on the capital expended thereon

And should ~~you~~ report of your scientific investigations be favourable I should issue prospectus and form a Company. I need go into detail at present not having your proper address I do not know whether this will come into your hands

I remain
Sir
Yours respectfully
William Pescod

#/ E. L. Hoboken N.J. Nov 4. 80
Henry Morton
a Nov 5. 1880

Stevens Institute of Technology,

HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY.

Nov. 4th 1880.

T. A. Edison Esq.
Dear Sir

I am now engaged in making a series of measurements with various incandescent electric lamps and would be pleased to have one or more of your recent lamps to measure at the same time, in which case I should give my results in a paper on the general subject which I am preparing to read before the National Academy at their coming

meeting. From statements I have seen in the papers I judge that you may be under the impression that I have some interest, financial or other, which might bias my judgement unfavorably towards your efforts in developing the incandescent electric lamp; I therefore take this occasion to assure you that this is not the case and that my feelings towards you and your labors are altogether of the most friendly description and that no one will be more ready than I to acknowledge the full value of every thing you accomplish as fast as each result is reached.

Very truly yours
Henry Morton.

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[illegible]
[illegible] as possible I will send you
[illegible] for [illegible] lamps
[illegible] now is about 140 ohms &
requires 300 ft feet running 16
candles — I think, however
that you have not treated me exactly
for reasons which I cannot follow

Chas Brown & Co

Fitchburg
Mass

We think please inform us whether ~~if~~ there would be any difficulty speeding up our engine to 75 Revolutions for a short time only.

J Kruse

OKR

Nov 5 1878

Lot 10 #1 E.P.

A. P. Hamilton

Feb. 3 - 1880

Menlo Park N.J.

Mar. 5, 1880

Thos. A. Edison Esq.

Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

I have looked up the matter of portable engines & thoroughly and upon the "Maxim" is about the only thing I can use. I will bring out a one horse power Maxim weighing about 450 lb. on Monday next and we will see what it will do. I have a copy of Jablochkoff

Candles in good
shape which I will
also bring out,
Yours truly,
C. D. Rusbank

Hoboken Nov 8. 80
Henry Morton
no ans

# Stevens Institute of Technology,

HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY.

Nov. 8th 1880

T. A. Edison Esqr.

Dear Sir

I am much obliged to you for your note of the 5th which I have just received on my return from Philadelphia.

I shall take great pleasure in experimenting with the lamps and have no doubt that my measurements will coincide with yours.

Although there have been many points upon which I have not been able to agree with your opinions as I have found them expressed in some of our

daily papers, it has been my intention to express my dissent or opposing views in an inoffensive manner, and I think that you will find that I have accompanied such statements with an expression of my high appreciation of your personal abilities.

I feel sure that the unfavorable impression you have received must be the result of some misunderstanding, and if you will kindly point out specifically, in what I have seemed to do you a wrong I feel confident that an explanation will clear up the difficulty.

My only motive has been a desire to check the extravagance of certain ignorant and irresponsible newspaper writers and prevent some of the damage which their exaggerations seemed likely to occasion.

Very truly yours
Henry Morton.

Cambridge Mass Nov 8 80
John Trowbridge
a Nov

Cambridge Nov 8/1880

My Dear Sir

I thank you very much for your kind & prompt answer.

You express the hope of being able to furnish me with a Dynamo. machine in the future. I do not desire to press you in the matter: but if you could state how soon I might expect one & at what price you would

Confer a great favour.
Regretting the trouble on whose time
must be so valuable.

I remain
Very truly
[illegible]

[illegible] the will [illegible]
in [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]

Nov 9 80

1147
T A Edison

Bulloo arrived
sent them by Adams
Express

K Gage

Milan C. Bullock Esqr.
84 Market St.
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir!

You will much oblige by favoring me with information concerning the high speed engine which you are using, as I am informed; or by directing me to the best High speed engine in service.

Yours truly

T. A. Edison
per T. Herring.

(Nov. 11 1880)

Prof. T. A. Edison — Menlo Park.

Habana Nov 13th/86

My dear Sir

I wrote you on the 6th Inst forwd. by "Niagara" Samples of Cane which I hope you have received safely. I also wrote you the week previous relative to death of John Segnor to which as yet I have no acknowledg.; I enclose you list of the collection of Cuban Words some 300 different - the collector was the Late Professor Sauvalle who spent all his life in making this collection he was the best Botanist here & a particular friend of mine, they are now in second hands and if you make a fair offer (if they interest you) I think we might procure them. give me an idea of what you are willing to pay & I will try & work it for you

I send you a Circular of the Matanzas Exhibition which opens in January, if you think of sending any thing let me know in time the space is free to all exhibitors -

With regards to you & the boys.

Remain Yours very truly

F. F. Butler

I am much obly for sample of Isinglass but the Japanese has other qualities that the Mexican has not -

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Cuban Commission 3/24

m/ V. F. Butler Habana
List of the Woods of Cuba

List of the Woods of the Island of Cuba

V. F. BUTLER,
NO. 1, MERCADERES
HABANA

To Professor Edison
with compliments

~~UNITED STATES RAILWAY TELEGRAPH CO.~~
No. 52 BROADWAY.

New York, Nov 15th 1880

Dear T. A. E.

Inclose you a patent for improved meter for Electric light.
I may bear examination rif of possible practicability, may save you trouble.

Yours J. Kleiff

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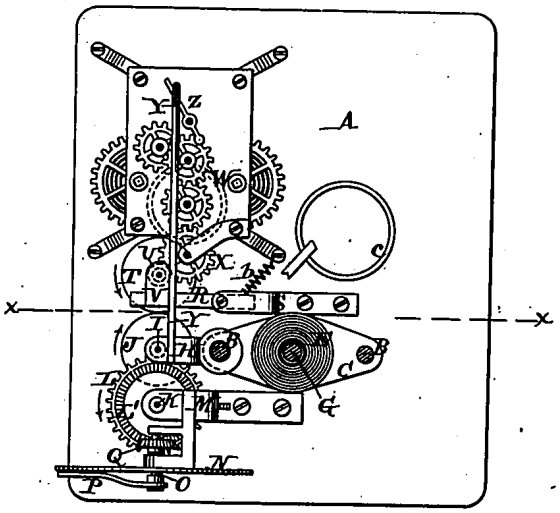
3 Sheets—Sheet 1.

B. F. CARD.

Meter for Measuring Electricity.

No. 223,112. Patented Dec. 30, 1879.

Fig. 1.



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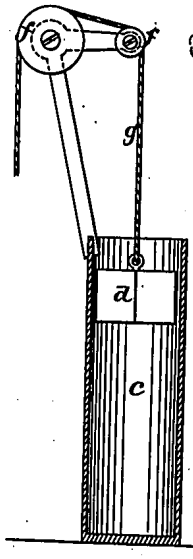

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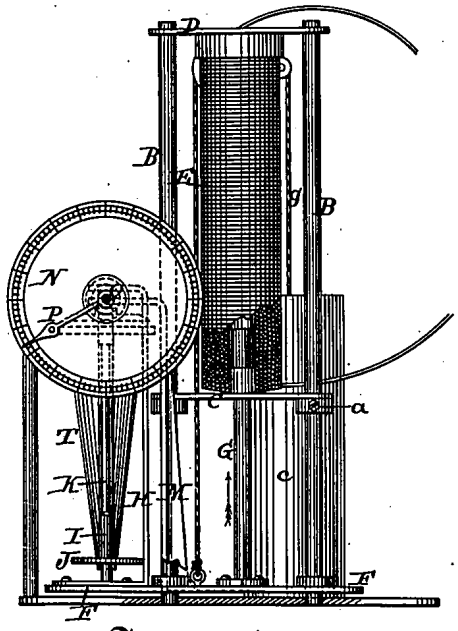


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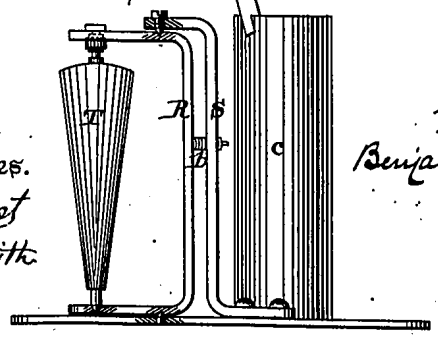


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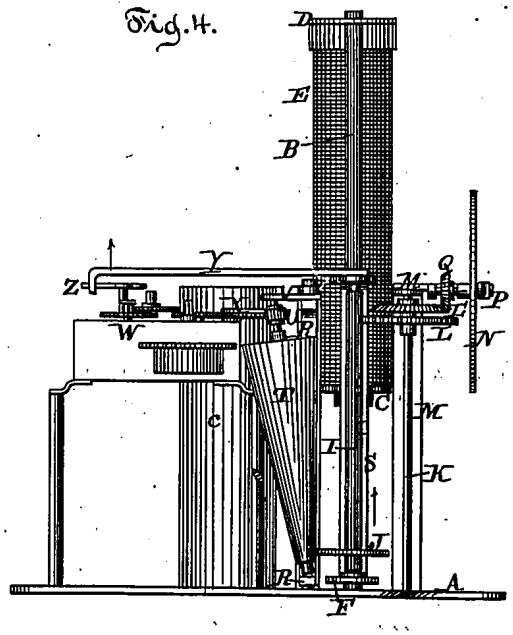


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BENJAMIN F. CARD, OF BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

## IMPROVEMENT IN METERS FOR MEASURING ELECTRICITY.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **223,112**, dated December 30, 1879; application filed December 14, 1878.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN F. CARD, of the city of Brooklyn, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Electrometers, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to measure or determine the quantity or intensity of electricity by means of the mechanism hereinafter described.

The invention is based on the fact that a bar or rod of soft untempered iron placed within a helix through which a current of electricity is passed will be drawn within said helix by means of induction; and it consists of a helix and bar so arranged that, by means of induction, said bar will be drawn upward while the current is passing, and this motion of the bar, by means of mechanism hereinafter explained, causes the revolution of an index-arm over a measured scale, the speed of which is varied by the position in which a friction-wheel is brought in contact with a friction-cone, as will be more fully explained.

The construction and operation are as follows:

In the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters of reference indicate like parts, Figure 1 represents a plan or top view, partially in section. Fig. 1* shows the arrangement of the balance-weight. Fig. 2 is a front view, partially in section. Fig. 3 is a cross-section in the line X X, Fig. 1, showing the bearings of the cone. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of same.

Rigidly secured to the base-plate A are two metallic standards, B. Used in connection with these standards B are the two bridges C and D. The bridge C is made so as to slip over the standards, and to be placed at any required distance from the top of the standard, forming a shelf or rest for the helix E, and is adjusted and held in position by set-screws *a*.

In the center of bridge C is a hole, around which is soldered a hollow tube of same circumference as the core of the helix E, so that when the helix E is ready to be put in position it is slipped on over the tube. This tube holds the bottom of the helix E in position.

To the under side of bridge D is secured a ring of sufficient size to admit the upper part of the helix, so that when bridge D is placed in position on standards B the helix will be held firmly in position. In the top of bridge D is a hole that allows one end of the wire of helix E to pass through. (See Fig. 2.)

Sliding on the standards B is a metallic plate, F, on the upper surface of which rests the iron bar G, which is made of soft untempered iron, and does not become permanently magnetized, the upper end of which is brought into and slides within the helix E. On the lower end of bar G is formed a collar, which is loosely fitted into a piece of insulating material, which is rigidly secured to the metallic plate F. Also secured to the metallic plate F is the knee-piece H, which holds the vertical grooved shaft I, to which is secured the friction-wheel J.

Journaled in the base-plate A is the vertical shaft K, on the upper end of which are rigidly secured the gear-wheels L and L′. The upper end of vertical shaft K is journaled in the knee-piece M, attached to the base-plate A.

The dial-plate N is rigidly secured to the knee-piece M. Passing through this dial-plate is the shaft O, at one end of which is attached the hand P. On the other end is the gear-wheel Q, which is actuated by the gear-wheel L′. The shaft O is journaled to the knee-piece M. (See Figs. 1, 2, and 4.)

Placed in yoke R, which is supported by the knee-piece S, secured to base-plate A, is a friction-cone, T, set in such a position that one of its sides will be parallel to the grooved shaft I, and so that the friction-wheel J shall have an equal bearing in whatever position it may come in contact with friction-cone T. This friction-wheel J, being carried by the plate F, partakes of the motion of said plate F, and hence the friction-wheel J is brought in contact with a different portion of the friction-cone T accordingly as the intensity of the electric current varies.

The shaft of the lower end of the friction-cone T has its bearing in the yoke R, and the upper end of the shaft of said friction-cone T has a gear-wheel, U, the end of the shaft having its bearing in a metallic piece, V, attached to the yoke R. (See Figs. 3 and 4.)

Secured to the base-plate A are four standards, upon which is mounted and properly se-

[ENCLOSURE]



cured the train of wheels W, and so arranged that the gear-wheel X shall engage and actuate the gear-wheel U of the friction-cone T.

Secured to the knee-piece H is the rod Y, having its outer end crooked or bent downward sufficient to come in contact with the revolving arm Z, and performing the functions of a stop. (See Figs. 1 and 4.) The spring *b*, one portion of which is attached to the yoke R and the other end to one of the standards that support the train of wheels, serves to hold the friction-cone in place and equalize its bearing.

Secured to the base-plate A is a tube, C, of sufficient size and depth to form a receptacle for the balance-weight *d*.

Secured to the upper side of receptacle C is an upright rod, having an arm holding two pulleys, *f*, over which a cord, *g*, is passed, one end of which is secured to metallic plate F, the other end to weights *d*. (See Fig. 1*.)

The operation of my electrometer is as follows: When a current of electricity is passed through the helix E the iron bar G is instantly magnetized, so that it is drawn up into the helix E, as shown by the arrow in Fig. 2. This action, in connection with the weight *d*, causes the metallic plate F, with the attachments, to be raised up, at the same time releasing the rod Y from contact with the revolving arm Z, which revolves the train of wheels W, thus actuating the gear-wheel U of the friction-cone T, which is brought closely in contact with the friction-wheel J on grooved shaft I, imparting a steady and positive motion to the gear-wheels L and L′, and which in turn imparts motion to the gear-wheel Q, causing the hand P to revolve, giving a positive indication on the dial-plate N of the amount or intensity of the electric current passing.

In the example shown the train of wheels are operated by the actions of things; but I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the use of a train of wheels like W. I may use any other motor, such as weights or like devices, or electro-motive power.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The method of measuring the quantity of electric current by causing the same to pass through a helix, and thereby operating a movable bar of iron, said bar of iron being connected to any suitable mechanism moving an index or measuring-arm at each moment with a velocity to correspond with the intensity of the current, said mechanism being actuated or put in motion by the movement of said bar, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

2. In an electrometer, the combination of the helix E, the movable bar G, metallic piece F and its attachments, and cone T, gear-wheel U, and grooved shaft I with gear-wheels L and L′, actuating, by means of the movement of the rod Y, train of wheels or other mechanism for obtaining a regular motion or revolution of the cone T, and, by means of the friction-wheel J on the grooved shaft I, transmitting said motion to a suitable index mechanism, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of December, A. D. 1878.

BENJAMIN F. CARD.

In presence of—
LOUIS W. FROST,
A. J. KENNEY.

Messages.
This message is an UNREPEATED MESSAGE and is delivered by request of the sender, under the conditions named above.

A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated New York 11/16 1880

Received at N P

To T A Edison

Menlo Park

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

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Main lines and also
of branch wires for the
Electric light answer
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Office of

# The American Fire Alarm Co.

Jos. W. Stover, Prest. Otis T. Pettee, Treas. Chester H. Pond, Supt.

267 Washington Street,

Boston, Mass., Nov 16 1880

Friend Edison

I enclose herewith a rough sketch of a plan for Electric lamp.
You may have already tried the same thing or may know it to be worthless without trying.
However I will venture to send it and would like to have you test it unless you done so before.
I sent you a similar sketch last friday by MacKenzie.
The next day he requested the privilege to test it himself but fearing he may not do it effectively I write you direct in regard to it.

Very truly Yrs

C. H. Pond

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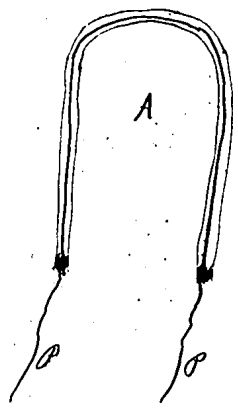
Boston Nov 16 – 1880




A is a glass tube having a very small bore –
The black line represents the tube filled with fine Carbon or Carbon flour
P. P. are platina wires entering at each end to meet the carbon and are welded in the glass,

This would obviate the difficulty of the horseshoe carbons breaking and would probably be cheaper –

The idea of using a solid glass yoke upon which a deposit of Carbon was made first occurred to me – The resistance could be nicely guaged – But you will pardon these suggestions for I have no experience whatever in these matters. It would however afford me genuine pleasure to aid you – Rely C.A.S.

Hoboken Nov 17 80
Henry Morton
Nov 1880

Stevens Institute of Technology,

HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY.

Nov. 17th 1880

T. A. Edison Esqr.

Dear Sir

I notice in today's Sun an account of the paper which I read yesterday before the National Academy and as this report is incorrect in almost every particular and as I believe you do not agree with me in assuming newspaper reports to be almost invariably unreliable. I hasten to

assure you that this one in particular is utterly unworthy of consideration and will be at once corrected by me.

Truly yours
Wesley Morton.

I am afraid you have been misinformed. Nothing correct has been in newspapers so ~~[illegible]~~ what I have said or done

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I saw that the article in the Sun was mixed and as I am probably as well acquainted as to the unreliability of — of course I didn't suppose it was correct in any particular.

Mr Harper

Leonard Harper

Mr. Harper April 20

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Edison to Moore Nov 18-80

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Habana – Nov 20th 1880 –

Thomas A Edison } Menlo Park.

My dear Edison – I only received your letter of the 4th inst yesterday – & beg to refer you to my respects of the 6th & 13th inst also to sample of Cane shipped per "Niagara" which I hope you have rec^d safely. We can supply you with all the Cane you require from here as it exists in large quantities in the marshy districts. paying a trifle to the owners of the land we could cut all we require. The price would be only a question of labor & carriage to a port of shipment – I calculate it would require 2 months to dry it perfectly for shipment (from experiments I have made), but I think if the quality suits you. we might always have a stock here ready & when you write or wire us we might ship in quantities such as you require – having a steamer or two every week. Write me fully your ideas & I shall try & carry out your intentions exactly for you. How is the light? What of the Matanzas Exhibition? Don't forget me if there is any thing to be done here I have always done my best to serve you.

I hope your family are well – Regards to the boys. & believe me Yours truly

W. H. Butler

Your remittance has not arr^d yet.

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E. KETTERLINUS, JR.
H. S. WOODBURY.
PHILADELPHIA. Nov 20 1880

Thos. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 9th inst enclosing check for Ten Dollars was duly received. a great press of business incidental to opening a new salesroom has prevented my answering sooner. In despair of any chance of obtaining your light for my store. I have introduced the Jablochkoff light with four lamps and so far find it - as you told me, the very best of the arc lights to be obtained. it produces so beautiful

an effect as I have ever seen in my experience, and I would be pleased to exhibit our arrangements to you if you will favor me with a call.

It requires about one horse power per lamp. and I am prepared to make contracts for its introduction in any part of the United States on terms which are lower than any other Electric Light of the same character.

Should your system be ready for public use during the coming winter I should like to have an opportunity of securing its introduction into this City with kind regards to Mr Upton, Mr Griffin, Mr Learman & Mr Mott. I remain

Very Respectfully

H. S. Stroadbury

Drexel, Morgan & Co.

P.O.Box 3036.

New York Nov. 23d 1880.

What is the matter, friend Edison? Are your Scientific friends deserting you following such paltry "Maxims"? Is it not unworthy of them, or is there good cause?

Yr. friend

E. P. Fabbri

Ev'g Post Nov. 22

THE NEW ELECTRIC LIGHT.

An Important Experiment.

A reporter of the EVENING POST yesterday questioned Professor Barker of Philadelphia, concerning his opinion of the value of the new Maxim light from incandescent carbon. Professor Barker said: "There is no doubt in my mind or in that of Professors Morton and Draper, as to the value of Mr. Maxim's remarkable discovery. For years I have been an admirer of Edison's search for the true solution of the electric light problem, and I can testify to his unremitting energy and the exhaustive nature of his search. But another man found it.

"I do not say that Maxim is a better electrician than Edison, but he has invented a lamp which surpasses, I believe, even Edison's dreams. Last week Professor Draper got several of Maxim's lamps and invited Professor Morton and me to go to his (Draper's) laboratory to test them. Edison had also been asked to send a few lamps, but wrote that an accident had happened to his machinery which would prevent him from doing so. He wrote, however, in answer to a question put by Professor Draper, that the highest light which he could get out of his most improved lamps was a fifty candle light. And from experiments which we have made with Edison's lamp we know that his lamp, run at that intensity, will not last for more than an hour.

"We took these lamps of Maxim's and began our experiments. As substitutes for gas burners of full power they were perfect. We then began increasing the intensity, until we ran one lamp for twenty-four hours at an intensity equal to that of six hundred and fifty candles, or the light given out by forty gas burners. The lamp was as good apparently when we finished as when we began. This, in my opinion, was the most remarkable performance of an incandescent lamp ever made. Edison has a good generator, but his lamp was old twenty years ago. The hydro-carbon atmosphere of Maxim's lamp is new."

Private

Prof Barker

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA,

PHILADELPHIA. Nov. 26. 1880.

My dear Edison:—

Your letter of the 23d is at hand this morning. The extract it contained is only another example of the worthlessness of newspaper reports. Just as in the Herald last week where you are made to criticise Mapim for dealing up his lamps with dealing wax!!

Really, however, I wish very much you would go and see Mapim's lamps. I was entirely sceptical until I saw them; and then I was very much surprised.

C.B.

I tell you in all frankness, that in my opinion, the method he has for making his carbon loops, consolidates them and gives them a wonderful resisting power and durability. He has run them up to 60 candles for an entire month and they are still good. In Morton's laboratory we measured them at 80 candles on the photometer, and at Draper's we got 100 candles from each one of eight lamps for six or eight hours consecutively. One of Mapim's large incandescent lamps ran to 650 candles, photometric measurement, as we saw in Hoboken. Mr. Mapim told me that he had obtained 3000 candles from

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one of his large lamps.

Now, I have never seen such results as these in your laboratory; nor have I ever seen any one who has seen them there. One of your newest lamps which Morton had at Hoboken, and which he lighted up for comparison, would not give them. I am sure. Professor Young agreed with me that your lamps were not intended to be run above 16 to 20 candles, and that you had not been able to maintain one at 50 candles for 24 hours, so far as either of us knew. I am fully aware that in all this, I am not fully posted, for I have not been in Menlo since the last of July. But you remember that I have asked for some of your lamps and have been refused.

Now as to the Evening Post.

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On Friday, the 19th, after the adjournment of the Academy, a reporter for the Post asked me what I thought of Mr. Maxim's lamp. I replied that I was of the opinion that Mr. M's improvement in carbons was a great step in advance. That my friendship for Mr. Edison led me to regret that he had not been the one to hit upon the new method. That Profs. Draper, Morton, and myself had tested the lamps to our satisfaction and had obtained 100 candles by measurement from one of these carbon loops. I believe this is the substance of what I told him. He took no notes but wrote it out from memory evidently; and a poor memory at that. 1st. Mr. Morton had the lamps & invited Draper & I to his laboratory to see them. 2d. I said not one word about any letter from you to Draper, for there was none. 3d. Not about effort to test the durability of your lamp for we made none. 4th. Not about the tests of the Maxim lamp which are all wrong. 5th. Not about your lamp being sold twenty years ago. You will therefore see that everything you can properly object to in that article is erroneous. And yet there is just enough of truth in it to make it plausible. If you desire I will write to the Post and give my exact opinion as I have now given it to you.

As to priority, Mr. Maxim's patent shows that he filed his application for an incandescent carbon filament in a hydrocarbon vapor as early as Oct. 4. 1878. And indeed, from Mr. Swan's lecture in the last Chemical News (which we received here on Tuesday last) it would seem that an incandescent filament of carbon in a vacuum was used by him 20 years ago.

The Secretary of the U. S. Electric Lighting Company, who is an old Yale friend, asked me if my business relations with you were such as to prevent me from making a series of tests upon the Maxim lamp, such as I made upon yours. I replied that there were no

business relations between you and myself; that our relations were those of personal friendship. That I made the tests upon your lamps without bias, solely to ascertain the facts. And that I supposed you could have no possible objection to my doing the same with their lamps. When these tests are completed, I shall be in a condition to speak more intelligently upon their efficiency and economy. If you care to furnish me some of your best lamps they will have the impartial test with the others. Please do not misunderstand me. My own self-respect requires me to be honest, even with a friend like yourself. If I am in error, I hope you will set me right. But if I am not, it is not the part of friendship to conceal from you the facts and lead you to believe better of your lamps than the facts warrant. But never will I knowingly do you an injustice. Cordially yours, S. J. Barker

# United States Internal Revenue,

STAMP DIVISION, OFFICE OF STAMP AGENTS,
103 AND 105 MULBERRY STREET,

New York, Nov 27th, 1880.

Can Carbonize if non conductor appears to be

Mr Edison Soapstone

Dear Sir

I enclose a sample of fibrous mineral which has been reduced from its natural state by attrition – In one stage of the process of manufacture it is very fibrous – It is of the nature of asbestos non combustible – If any part of some value to you although I know no doubt a material similar has before this been called to your attention and you have by this time experimented in experiments employing in the mineral line The article in the N Y Times this morning has called my attention to your efforts in obtaining a carbon – and as I am manufacturing this article for paper makers in large quantities I thought it would do not harm to call your attention to it – Respectfully

A L McCrea

It is a want of knowledge on the part of Maxim that makes him use carbon from the decomposition of a hydrocarbon.

Brooklyn E.D. Nov 29th 1880

T. A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir,

To prevent disintegration, could not the carbon loop of your Electric Lamp be supplied by capillary attraction with just the requisite quantity of some Hydro Carbon from a small fount attached to the lamp without interfering with Maxim's claims — I am quite an experimenter, but on the subject of electric lights I am very ignorant, and offer the suggestion without knowing whether it is practicable or not

Respectfully Yours

A. B. Hutchins

Salmon Falls N H Nov 29 80
A Severance
and Nov 30 80
See Letter Book

Salmon Falls, N. H. Nov. 29, 1880.

Mr. Edison,
Dear Sir, —

If I understand the matter, the great trouble is in keeping the Electric Light constantly going, is that the carbon points constantly burn away or grow shorter, and that certain feeders are attached to them to keep them the right distance apart. And even you have not yet succeeded in overcoming this difficulty perfectly. Now I think (at any rate, hope) that I have a material that will overcome this difficulty. If you will please to give me the dimensions that you want the size of Points in every direction, I will

send some to you to test and experiment upon. There are no electric lights in this vicinity or I would test my points myself. Perhaps you will think that you do not consider my proposition of sufficient importance to notice it, but I very much wish you will do so, as perhaps it may prove to be just what is wanted.

I think the best way will be for you to send me a pattern of points made of wood or plaster of Paris, and I will copy it perfectly in the substance I wish you to try.

I have tested it by subjecting it to the most intense heat I am able to with the blow-pipe, and find that I cannot affect it in the least. In fact, the greater the heat I can apply, the harder it becomes.

It may not be a perfect conductor of electricity but I think it will.

Only please allow me the opportunity to test it and if it should answer the purpose, both of us will, yourself in particular, get a vast benefit from it, of course.

At any rate, please answer in some way, and greatly oblige,

Yours most truly and respectfully,

A Severance - Mass.

T/Ed T R Lombard
a Deck

Thanks =

I want a single fibre at least 1/16 inch diameter

Washington D.C.
Nov 29th 1880

Prof Thos Edison
Dear Sir:

Noticing an article in the "Times" on your Electric Light, it occurs to me that possibly the "Ilia" of Honduras might give you the fibre you require. it is a very fine quality of Silk grass - and grows in great profusion there.

I have also seen in that Country a tree which yields pods containing a soft elastic fibre like

bill - and is used by the
Navy for pillows &c. I
have forgotten its name,
but some samples could
be obtained with some
little trouble -

Very Respectfully

Thos. R. Lombard
#932 French St
Washington
D.C.

No Answer

31 Sands St., Brooklyn
Nov. 30, 1880

Thos. A. Edison,
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir:-

My visit to the botanical museum of Cornell University was a very fortunate one. I not only had an opportunity to examine the collections of endogenous plants made in Brazil by Profs. Hartt and Prentiss, but Prof. Prentiss, the professor of Botany, gave me a great deal of valuable information in regard to localities and about collecting. He also allowed me to take with me a book belonging to him on the Palms of the Amazon, which is now extremely rare. I know of but two copies in this country, and this is one of them.

The bast fiber comes principally from the upper Rio Negro, above Manaos, in the Valley of the Amazon. It is taken directly from the trunks of the trees as they stand. I hope however to be able to direct the pickers

so that they will get just what you want, if it grows on that particular palm. I send you herewith two small specimens of the assaí palm. This is the only specimen I could get at Cordeiro. The fiber is the best looking they have. It is too brittle now, but I believe this is due largely, if not entirely, to the fact that the room in the museum in which the specimens are kept is so unusually dry. The specimens of bast kept in the same room were also very brittle. This assaí is a common palm about Pará, but it is very highly esteemed for its fruit, and it would be more expensive than almost any other kind of palm for that reason.

I enclose a kind of a form for a letter to the Minister of agriculture and to the Presidents of the northern provinces.

In case you should not choose to use this form, don't forget to give them plenty of taffy. The circular letter should be

a straightforward one, pretty much as you would write for Americans or Englishmen, for it will be useful principally with Englishmen, and Frenchmen.

I have my list of plants about completed. Another day will do the work, I think. It has been a very fortunate thing that I have had this month for getting together the results of the work of other men in that country on the subject of plants and endogens. It will save me a great deal of time and labor after I arrive there.

I shall be obliged to go to Utica N.Y. tomorrow on private business, but I will return the same night, and shall call at Menlo Park on Thursday the 2nd of Dec, for the letters and my final orders.

The letter of credit for £350 was only received.

Yours,

John C. Branner

(Nov. 1880)

Charles Rice Esqr. (Machinery Supply
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir!

You would much oblige by giving me early information about high speed engines, reported to be in satisfactory service in Chicago. Mr T. A. Edison desires to get the very best high speed engine and directs me to get complete information; so I hope you will aid me with your extensive engineering experience in the Western devellopments.

Yours Very truly.

Julius L. Hornig
Edison's Laboratory
Menlo Park N.J.

(1880)

To His Excellency, the Minister of Agriculture,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Your Excellency:

Permit me to recommend to your distinguished consideration the bearer, my friend and colaborer, Mr. John C. Branner, already known in your country in connection with the Imperial Geological Survey.

In my endeavors to perfect the electric light and bring it into practical every day use, I have been able to secure Mr. Branner's services ~~as a botanist~~ for the purpose of exploring Brazil for certain vegetable fibre.

In the present state of the developement of this invention, the fibre for which Mr. Branner returns to Brazil, is the one thing most needed. ~~I remain your most valuable and hearty cooperation and aid for him, I therefore pray and to tell you that on the success of his mission depends the success of the electric light.~~

The world is already indebted to Brazil for a large number of almost invaluable productions

Mr. Bramer will give you an account of another.

Aside from the inestimable value of and benefit of such a discovery to the whole civilized world, for Brazil it will be also a new industry and therefore a new source of wealth and prosperity.

Aware of the encouragement always held out by your country to science, to discovery and to invention, I commend Mr. Bramer to you in the full assurance that you will do all in your power to aid him to make his mission a thorough success.

Reiterating to your excellency my high regard and esteem for yourself, for your wise Emperor and for your country,

I am sir,

Your obedient servant,

Thomas A. Edison

Menlo Park, New Jersey, United States of America,

Dec 1 — 1880

Letters wanted to

To His Excellency, the President of the Province of Pará ✓

" " " of the Amazonas ✓

" " " of Maranhão ✓

" " " " Ceará ✓

" " " Rio Grande do Norte ✓

" " Parahyba do Norte. ✓

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To His Excellency the Minister of Agriculture, Rio de Janeiro

One circular letter (to be shown to all foreign merchants in Brazil)

Letter from the Brazilian Minister at Washington to ~~the~~ any of the above, with preference for the Minister of Agriculture, and the President of the Province of Pará.

Patterson N.J. Dec 7 80
Frank Hoxie Esq
Dec 6

Incandescent work – Carbon rod in a
Paterson New Jersey
Carbonic acid to Carbonic oxide
Dec 7 1880
The Extra atom of oxygen combining to destroy
the Carbon
Hon Thos A. Edison

Dear Sir:

It has occurred to me that the glass globes which contain your Electric Lights might be made tight, like an inverted bell, and filled with Carbonic Acid gas – Thus avoiding the necessity of creating and maintaining a vacuum. Has this process of preventing the combustion of the carbon been tried, or patented to

to your knowledge.

Please excuse my addressing you in the matter but my excuse is, that I feel a great interest in your light

Yours Most Respy
T. Frank Hoxsey

W/E A Swearance MD

I Answered his Postal Card

Salmon Falls, N. H. Dec. 2, 1880.

Prof. Thomas A. Edison,
Menlo Park, N. J. —
Dear Sir. —

Please reply to my communication of a few days since at your first possible opportunity as I intend going to Florida to spend the winter, on account of my bad state of health. I think I shall sail from New York. If so and you think it worth while I will visit you at Menlo Park.

I have strong hopes that the material I propose will perfectly answer the purpose desired. It is artificially made and composed in great part of carbon, although the carbon is protected, so as not to wear

away, I think, by electricity or by the most intense heat that can be applied to it.

I wish I had a handy and convenient opportunity to test it myself, but I have not, as there are no electric lights in this vicinity. However, if you deem it not worth your time to test it, if you will drop a postal to that effect, you will do me a great favor.

Most respectfully yours.
A. Severance.

W.E. Dodge, Jr., Pres.t  G.P. Cowles, Vice Pres.t & Treas.  A.A. Cowles, Sec'y.

Ansonia Brass & Copper Co.

Stenographic Letter

P.O. Box 2975.

No. 19 Cliff Street,

New York, Dec. 3rd 1880.

Kreuer

file Gen'l Big

Thos. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park, N.J.

Dear Sir:

I wish to get some Electrical tests made for the conductivity of copper wire. Will you kindly favor me with the address of some competent person to whom I can apply for these

& oblige

Very truly yours.

A.A. Cowles Esq.

Edmund Dee [illegible]

Prof Brackett

Eto NY Dec 30 80
B C Woodruff
a Dec b

Carbon with stands the highest temperature no other known Element in nature is as refractory as you have discovered a new Element then I will talk to you

New York 344 Broome St
Dec 3rd 1880

Mr Edison

Dear Sir.

For some time past the writer has given some considerable attentions and study in order to form some idea as to what might be the perfection of the Electric light.

During the limited investigations that I have been able to make I have formed the conclusion that Carbon or any carbonized

substance is not the perfection of the Electric light. Furthermore I believe that I have formed ideas from which can be developed a ~~f~~ substance which will prove to be the perfection of the Electric light — and it is my desire to place my ideas in the hands of some person or persons who have the facilities to prove ~~or~~ or disprove their value. ~~of my ideas.~~

By receiving any encouraging word (I am not after ~~advance~~ money) from you saying that you will share with me in any advantages that may be derived from what I may suggest I will take your word of honor for that and will immediately submit my ideas to you and will abide by your decission as to their value.

As far as I have been able to ~~so~~ learn from observation and from reading my ideas are entirely original.

Very Truly Yours

Byron C. Wordwoff

Mr Carman
Edison

140 Broadway
N.Y. City
Dec. 6th 1880

Dear Sir - I mailed a true copy of Mr. Bramer's "Power of Attorney" some last Saturday to Mr. Edison.
I saw Mr. Bramer off this morning. He desired me to tell you to send letters to him at Para.

Truly yours
Geo H Phelps

(Dec. 6 1880) New York
~~Wednesday~~ Monday Dec 6th
Mr. Carman
Dear Sir - W. C. M.
I have just received a letter from Mr. Bramer in which he says "Tell Mr. Carman to be sure ~~to~~ send me Cipher for cabling when he sends letters."

Please to send check for Mr. Bramer's salary to my order & send word by separate note as soon as you send it

I wish you A Happy New Year

Very Truly Yours
Geo H Phelps

See Letter Book Page 746

P.O. Box 1471.

Fabbri & Chauncey,
48 South Street
New York, Dec 6 1880

Prof. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir,

We have this day sent to your address per express (2) two bundles of Japanese bamboos, of which please take note.

Yours truly
Fabbri & Chauncey
F Chauncey Jr

Dec 6, 80
7³⁹ a.m.

Edison
Menlo Park

Sampieri Belgio Peking

Chicago

Moore to Edison

Hiogo Dec 6, 80

You ideas are based upon insufficient Experience -

New York 344 Broome St
Dec 7th 1880

Mr Edison.

Yours of yesterdays date in which you say that Carbon withstands the highest temperature of any known element of nature and that if I have discovered a new element you are prepared to talk business, was received this AM.

I am not a chemist and cannot say that I have discovered any new Element in nature

I have simply formed and idea upon

which I would like to have you pass judgment.

Carbon as obtained and used heretofore is in form the fruit of imperfect or smothered combustion.

From this fact I have drawn the following conclusions.

Take any vegetable fibrous or other substance which shall be found best adapted to the purpose and subject it to perfect combustion. Take the ashes and remove or cleanse from everything which is not the absolute fruit of perfect combustion.

Prepare a highly polished steel mould of great strength. Put this place the ashes and subject to the highest possible pressure which must be perfectly steady in one direction.

The pressure used should be in my opinion at least ten times as great per square inch as the force used to generate the Electric current used for the light.

Electricity is the transmission of Force. Carbon is Nature's Electrical deposit void atmospherial conditions. Ashes - the fruit of the combined elements. Therefore use Ashes as an intermediary to

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B C Woodruff
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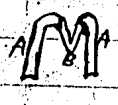
to the Carbon loop.
Thus— 
A + Carbon
B Intermediary.

Respectfully Yours
B. C. Woodruff

Baltimore Dec. 7/80

My Dear Edison,

I was as much surprised as you could be to see the statements about Mackin's lamp, as of course it is only power with a slight modification in the method of making it. Baltimore was so surprised to see Morton doing so much and anything much more would afford him a laughable

escape the consequences
of his opinion that your
light would not prove
successful. For he probably
sees reason to alter his
opinion now, and thus
brings forward a new
Time alone will show
the world what you
have done and dispose
of all these petty hangers
on. For you have got
the true scientific solution
of the problem and all
the results you have
obtained for the most
efficient machine &c.
are confirmed by the
theory of the subject.

With regard to our machine, I
believe a cost of about Augt 1888 in
Dollars and machine &c
Bliss is a little of a
student of
a dot eight graduates - another
gift. For years so I must
set - every letter answers
our - any other and so I hope to
machine arcade receive a copy
flect &c. Yours truly

H. Poincaré

Plock & Co
$320 58
Engraved to Bu
Dec 8 1880

OFFICE OF PLOCK & CO.,
51 William Street,
P. O. Box No. 3394.

New York, Dec. 8th 1880.

T. A. Edison Esq.,
Menlo Park, N.J.

Dear Sir,

We withdraw from your favor of 6th inst. check for $320.58, which we apply to the credit of Mr. V. F. Butler, Havana, under advice we remain, returning Mr. Butler's letter,

Yours respectfully
Plock & Co

Recd.

NY Dec 9 88.
E M Fox
a Dec 14 88

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

**ALBEMARLE FERTILIZER COMPANY,**

**38 CEDAR STREET,**

ALBERT SPRYERS, PRES'T.
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FRANCIS W. JACOBS, TREAS.

New York, Dec 9 188

Don't call today
Look forward

My dear Edison

Your letter received
Many thanks. At any
time I can be of service
to you Call on me

There is a sort of
boom going on, on the
Street today on all Electric
Lights: The owners are
buying Brush, Fuller and
Maxim. I think I
can get at the bottom

of the movement
if it would benefit
you. The movement
is evidently one prejudicial
to the Edison lighting
What do you think?

Truly Yours
E. M. Fox

Chicago 9 Dec 1880
S B Williams
Ans by Johnson
Jany 5. 81

Thos A Edison Esq.
Menlo Park N.J.

No 40 Portland Block
Chicago Ill. 9 Dec. 1880

Refered to Eh
Johnson today
that wires can
be seen at any time

Dear Sir:—

From your letter in the Oct. number of Sci. Am. Review it seems that you are still at work developing your Electric Light, a few promised by introduction into the City of New York from this time.

Which claim I am prepared to put much money into undeveloped enterprises, it occurs to me that as I am now building quite a large Apartment House, designed to be first class, it would be well now to make judicious provision for future possibilities, by putting wires in place, where they would not disfigure the apartments as they would be likely to do.

if I were to put them in after the completion of the building.

So far as I have seen the Electric lights that have been introduced by others are objectionable in my judgment unless they may be very greatly improved they will not enter generally into Domestic use.

If I understand rightly your light is the only one produced in a Vacuum, & ipso, yours cannot be judged by the failure of others.

It occurs to me that if you design introducing your lights in Chicago, some arrangement could be made with the City Water Works for the use of their pondered engines. —

My object in writing, is if engine, is it worth while for me to make any preparations for the introduction of your light now? — If it can be done as well six months hence when the building will be completed, I won't bother with it now.

Very truly
Simeon B. Williams

My building is on a prominent Corner, lot 88 by 109 & building is 83 by 87 — two apartments of 9 & 10 Rooms each, on a floor. This will give about 100 windows from which the light may be seen if used, there being 8 stores & 12 Apartments

Cable

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Garment choice electric,

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To
Moore
Nov 11 1889

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# The Southwark Foundry and Machine Company,

Sole Makers of

## The Porter-Allen High Speed Steam-Engine.

W. H. MERRICK, President.
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C. B. RICHARDS, Superintendent.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 1st 188 5

J. A. Ericsson
Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor 13th rec'd

We have decided not to take any more orders on guarantee as to time of delivery until we are very much better prepared to finish work through in lots

If you are in no particular hurry for the engine you refer to we might be willing to build it, if not we must count ourselves out until some future time.

SOUTHWARK FOUNDRY & MACHINE CO.

W H Merrick

Pres't.

Salmon Falls N.H. Dec 20 80
Dr A Severance
a Jany 4 81

Want work

Salmon Falls, N.H., Dec. 20, 1880.

Prof. Edison,
Dear Sir, —

On the same mail with this I send you a few points of the substance I suggested for you to try in place of pure Carbon points, which I very much desire for you to test —

I would have sent them sooner had I not been quite sick —

They have but little carbon in them as I have had difficulty in obtaining the substance in a fine powder, which is necessary, I presume, to incorporate to have them do well —

Carbon pieces are very hard as you

well known, ~~as~~ too hard to be reduced to a powder in a mortar, therefore I have ground it up by attrition as I had to.

However, I have procured some by hand process and incorporated it in the points I send you.

It is all mixed in a soft state and hardens very rapidly. If I knew what size would suit you best, I would make them of that size while soft, but not knowing I have made them of different sizes, in hopes some of them would suit you in that respect.

I hope you will see fit to try them, and if they do not work well, let me know what size you would prefer, as it is difficult to reduce the size when they get so hard as they will by the time you receive them) and I will make some more of the exact size you wish for and also incorporate a larger quantity (proportion) of carbon in them, which very likely will be what is needed. I presume that they can be made of some nine-tenths carbon if necessary and very likely it will be. All is, please test these if you will and let me know the result, and make any suggestions ~~to~~ which occur to you, and I will act upon them. It certainly seems to me that this substance can be made to answer the required purpose if these do not. My heat that I am able to produce seems to affect these points at all, but electricity may do it more than I can tell. I do wish that I had facilities for

thoroughly testing the substance myself. If so I would not trouble you to do so.

Should it turn out to be the substance wanted, you shall receive the benefit as well as myself.

I shall visit Florida soon on account of my ill health, and if any encouragement is given in the matter and I can be of any good in the matter, I will call on you in my way thither and tell you all I know about the matter.

Please let me hear from you in a few days, as I shall go to Florida (where I have a home) in 2 or 3 weeks at latest.

Most truly yours,

A. Severance, M. D.

LADD TOBACCO COMPANY.
21 North Main Street.

SAINT LOUIS, Dec 20th 1879

We have Electromotors ~~but they~~ run from Current Thos A Edison Co derived from a Menlo Park Dynamo by steam Engine

Dear Sir.

I wrote you several months since (Feby 15th) asking if you could get up an Electric motor of 2 or 3 horse power, and rec'd reply that you had your hands work blocked out and could not give the matter attention and suppose that you are now as intently occupied as ever. but wish to know if you will give me an hour or two some time this winter in which I can lay the matter before you when I believe you will take kindly to it. What I want is a portable, quiet motor. Electric motor about 2 horse power. the cost running to cut but little figure in result. with this can revolutionize one of the leading industries of this rocky Countries. If you will take this matter from the consideration we come to terms.

Yours truly

Mr Edison

Nevada

Nevada years ago born

(36.)

# American District Telegraph Co.

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New York, ~~Dec~~ 22 1880

~~Tho's A Edison Esqre~~ Comes

Perhaps Dear Sir

when I have been informed that your Electric In-
-candescent Lighting Co is about to
Commence business in N.Y.

If you Can make use of my
services in Connection with said Co
I shall feel grateful for anything
you may do in my behalf.

Yours Resp'y

James E Browne

Care Am Dist Tel Co

239 Broadway

N.Y.

FABBRI & CHAUNCEY,
P.O.BOX 1471.

Thank them for their ~~attention~~ to these Specimens & bring Gratitude to us

New York Dec 22, 1882

Prof. T. A. Edison,
Menlo Park,
N. J.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the samples of bamboo from Japan recently forwarded to you, we now enclose a memorandum of particulars as to their cost in large quantities, &c. We trust you will find these details of interest.-

Our friends at Lima write us that they do not think a quantity of bamboo which would answer your purposes could be procured advantageously in Peru or Bolivia. They say:- "The cost of "transportation from "the interior of Bolivia "would be very heavy; "while, with us, the ar="ticle used is not pro="duced in the country, "but is imported from "Guayaquil. We have "written to our agent at "that port to send you "samples of the various "kinds grown in Ecuador. "The article grows in im="mense quantities on the "banks of the Guayaquil

"river."—

As soon as the samples reach us from Ecuador, they shall be forwarded to you.

~~We remain,~~

Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

Fabbri & Chauncey

Answered in letter book page 744

M. C

File Fabbri

M. C.

Fabbri Chauncey

Dec 22 1880

Answ

Fabre

PHYSICAL LABORATORY,

**State Agricultural College.**

J. K. MACOMBER,
Professor of Physics.

Ames, Iowa, Dec. 22 1880.

Mr. T. A. Edison.

Dear Sir.

Your letter from your last summer has encouraged me in the prospect of being able to purchase from you one or more of your "carbon" lamps. If so it would be obliging me by sending one or more if you will do so. If you have them for sale I would purchase six of them. I am to deliver a lecture upon Electric lighting and wish very much to have one for exhibition. Hoping this will not be deemed an intrusion I remain your valuable time

Yours

Very sincerely

J. K. Macomber

I will be a friend of yours if you send me a lamp for my purposes.

Dec 28, 80
12 20

N.Y. 28
T. A. Edison

With pleasure but cant go today
when will it do?

Connery
N.Y. Herald

any evening let me know
day ahead -

Edison

MEMORANDUM.

New York, Dec 28 1880

To Thos A. Edison
Menlo Park N. J.

Dear Sir

FROM

THE BUCKEYE ENGINE COMPANY.

EXPERTS IN STEAM ENGINEERING,

EASTERN AGENCY,

Exclusively for the Sale of the Buckeye Automatic Cut-off Engines, East of the Meridian of Washington, D. C.

*Room 42, Coal and Iron Exchange,*

COR. COURTLANDT AND CHURCH STS.,

WM. LEE CHURCH, GEO. A. BARNARD, } Managers.

NEW YORK.

We have just mailed the contract for Engine executed by our Power, in our favor. Will the blank card or shall we mail it to you?

Very truly Buckeye Engine Co
per Geo. A. Barnard

#/E3 NY Dec 28 80
F Sampol
A Telegph
July 6-81

120 E 26th St
NY. Dec 28th 80

Sir: Iruff find out when
We light up again &
~~shall~~ him ~~to~~ come

Nellyan Kwilly
send a ticket a
invitation to your
next Exhibition wh
is to be given
in a few days

for a correspondent
of one of the leading
Paris papers?

Receive sir my
distinguished consideration

F. Sampsal
Jr

120 E 26th St

P.S. Also a ticket of admission
that would be good any
day but wed
To T A Edison Esq

Washington D.C. 3 December 1880

T. A. Edison
Menlo Park

Dear Sir

I see by the New York Tribune that you still have some difficulties about making your glass lamps. If the difficulty lies in the making of the glass rod you will write me what this I think I can perhaps render it. I claim to be an expert in glass matters and thoroughly posted about its manufacture. I have written a report on glass circular enclosed which I think will prove my assertion. If you experience difficulty in making your lamps I think that perhaps I may suggest a modified way which may obviate the difficulty. One thing I am certain of is it will not be sending glass rods that you will find remedies to the difficulties of manufacture as they are as a general thing what the French call "rentiers" and know but little of

How we did work glass before the invention of the Electric Lamp
Crystal Glass manufacture
Page 5

outside of what they have been taught in their trade

I am under the impression that I wrote to you once before on this subject but have not received any answer, this letter may meet with the same fate but it will make no difference because it is not I who is laboring under difficulties but yourself.

Respy

C Calvé

Wash D.C. 30 1880
Chas Calvé
Dec 14

[ENCLOSURE]

# Treasury Department,

SECOND COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, D. C., 15*th* *October*, 1880.

I shall have ready for delivery in about two months my report on "Glass at the Paris Exposition of 1878," which will appear under the authority of the United States Exposition Commission.

This report will contain about 150 pages of printed matter, and will give valuable information on the following subjects:

Plate and window glass, their machinery, tools, ovens, and furnaces; stained, enamelled, decorated, engraved, and etched white, colored, and flashed sheet-glass; rough, polished, and silvered plate-glass; fluted and patent rolled glass; bottles and druggists' wares; tableware, blown, pressed, cut by hand and machinery, engraved, etched, decorated in enamel and vitrifiable colors; flint, lime, slag, green and colored glass, their machinery, furnaces, ovens, and tools; iridescent, Arabian, Venitian, and metallized glass; glass furniture, chandeliers, candelabra, jewelry, mosaics, and tiles; toughened or hardened and compressed glass; spun glass, fancy articles, and mineral wool; soluble glass and its application: glass clock and flower shades; a general description of gas, open fire, petroleum, and other furnaces, leers, ovens, etc.

Classification and properties of glass; crystallization, devitrification, action of air, oxygen, light, water, acids, and alkalies upon glass; materials employed, and where found; pot and fire-brick making; mechanical tools; comparisons between foreign and American glass making, etc., etc.

Should you wish to obtain copies of said report, I will send them to you, as soon as published, free of postage, on receipt of

$1.25 per copy, in paper covers;

$2.00 " bound in cloth.

Respectfully,

CHARLES COLNÉ.

No 2

Downer NY

Please ascertain from operator at Punta Rassa florida if large fishing pole Cane grows near there. T A Edison

This Company TRANSMITS and DELIVERS messages only on conditions, limiting which have been assented to by the sender of the following message.
Errors can be guarded against only by repeating a message back to the sending station for comparison, and the Company will not hold itself liable for errors or delays in transmission or delivery of Unrepeated Messages.
This message is an UNREPEATED MESSAGE and is delivered by request of the sender, under the conditions named above.

A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. 2 NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated _____ 188

Received at _____

To T A Edison

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

opr at Punta Rassa says no poles there but plenty of fish there any quantity of poles at Sniffton Fla or savannah Ga

A S Downer N.Y.

K

Nº Newyork
no date

D.U.S. Cable office
16 Broad Street
New York

My dear Sir,

I intend doing myself the pleasure of visiting Menlo Park on Tuesday evening next to see your lamps (by night). Mr Batchelor kindly promised to shew me some of them burning in rooms of a house. May I ask whether it will be convenient for him to see me on Tuesday Evening?

Mr & Mrs Ward and me
or two friends will
accompany me.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours very truly
Alex Muirhead

T. A. Edison Esq

I thought all
right come tomorrow
G

6 Newyork 10

Edison

Am coming to see

you tomorrow morning

Mark

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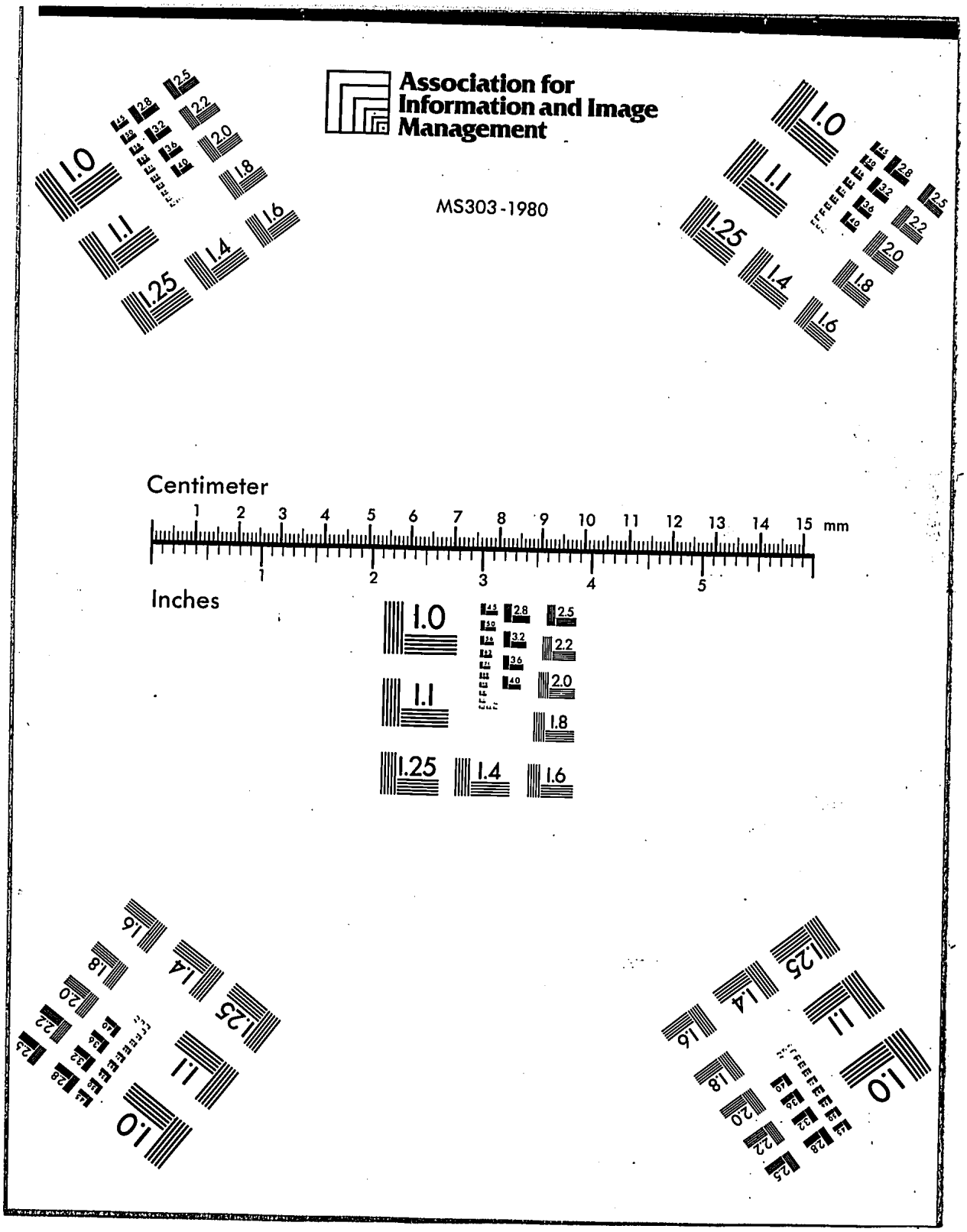
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